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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Christmas is principally a children's festival, marking the birth of the child whose life changed the whole course of civilization. Whether we go to church or not, whether we ever mention the name of Christ or not, our ideas, our inventions, our books, our homes, bear the unmistakable stamp of the life of Jesus. Historians tell us that had it not been for the birth of Christ 2,000 years ago, and the re-birth (renaissance) of civilization, given to us by churchmen, 1,000 years ago, the world might still be in a scientific sleep, such a sleep as overlook oriental civilization thousands of years ago.

A Children's Day

Christmas is, as we have said, a children's festival. If we are children, we enjoy this day in our own right. If we are grown to man's estate, we enjoy this day, through seeing children happy on Christmas day, or through our own memories of hands and knees days around the Christmas tree. Of course you can't recapture all the glamor and excitement of weeks of expectation and speculation, of writing letters to Santa, of trying to go to sleep on Christmas Eve so that morning would come more quickly and at the same time of trying to stay awake so that you might get a glimpse of St. Nicholas and his reindeer. You can't really bring back the excitement of emptying your stocking on Christmas morning and expecting your mother to be terrifically surprised at the contents or you can't really enjoy a turkey dinner as much as you did "away back when."

Childhood Memories

One of the writer's very earliest memories is of a Christmas Eve, perhaps when he was three or four years of age. There is a vague memory of someone making a little wooden stand to hold the tree upright. There is also a vague memory of being taken to the post office and being frightened by the sight of "bellsnickellers." That word probably calls for an explanation. We have never seen this word spelled, and in Ontario we have never heard it spoken. We fancy that it is some colloquial English term, combining the words "bells" (a real Christmas word) and "St. Nicholas." Anyway, in the Nova Scotia village where the writer passed his early days this word denoted those who costumed themselves picturesquely or grotesquely on Christmas Eve and went about from home to home, singing a song and accepting tribute. They didn't use the Ontario Hallowe'en term, "shell out," but, except for the fact that the Nova Scotians tried to give value in return in the way of a song, it was much like an Ontario Hallowe'en. In this Nova Scotian village on Hallowe'en, the youngsters did not pause to exact tribute. They "cabbage-stumped" (done with a couple of cabbage stumps tied on a cord) the doors and ran, or they "lick-tacked" the windows (with a notched spool and a cord) and ran.

Christianity For Christmas

But we were talking of Christmas. It is the one day in the year when we all try to be as we would always like to be, generous and giving, thinking of others before ourselves, of our own family, of friends and neighbors, of needy families and children. That is just another way of saying that Christmas is a children's day, for are we not told that, except as we become as little children, we shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven? Our wish to all our readers and friends is that we may all enjoy a little bit of the kingdom of heaven in our homes on Christmas day and throughout the New Year.

LOTS TO VOTE ABOUT

Bowmanville town council at a special meeting, of which press or public had no notice, decided to submit five by-laws to the public for decision. Newmarket town council is to be commended for the way it conducts its business in the open. When there is a special meeting called, even at an hour's notice, the clerk's office informs the local press representatives so that they can be present if they wish. The Bowmanville Canadian Statesman contends that the public would have been better informed if the discussion of these several by-laws could have been reported by the press.

Public Health Nurse

The first of the five questions on which Bowmanville citizens vote is the inclusion of \$1,000 in the tax bill for the support of a town band, principally to pay the bandmaster. The citizens voted in favor of this plan last year but it did not go into operation because of some technical fault in the by-law. The next question is: "Are you in favor of the employment of a full-time nurse for the town of Bowmanville?" Bowmanville had a public health nurse for a number of years and then early this year an economy council refused to vote any more money for her salary and forced the board of health to dismiss the nurse. The Canadian Statesman says "many citizens, particularly women," were not prepared to do without a nurse and by their objections have led the council to submit the question to the people. The Statesman says: "From the wonderful service the public health nurse did, particularly with children attending school, we feel it is money well spent. It also gives a free health service to families least able to pay."

Shopwork Again

Next question has a familiar ring. It asks whether Mr. Ratepayer favors a shopwork and household science extension to the high school building at a cost of \$20,000. The Statesman comments: "Neither the board or town council have

given out sufficient information on this subject to impress public opinion to give it the support it deserves." Next is: "Are you in favor of the formation of a municipal board of education?" This would mean that the high school and public schools would be controlled by one board and that that board would be elected. A high school board is now appointed by public and separate school boards, by town and county councils. The Statesman says that the council has raised this question, not by public demand, but to satisfy "the personal animosity, jealousy and downright cussedness" of a few individuals who want to "stir up trouble" and force high school board members to face an election.

Last, Not Least

The next question is whether the public favors payment to the mayor of not more than \$250 a year and to the other councillors not more than \$75 a year. Says the Statesman: "If the time has come when we must pay members of the town council our suggestion is let's fire them like they did the nurse and engage a town manager." We'll try to let you know, in case you don't hear, how the vote goes on these several questions.

NOT MR. KING

The Midland Free Press comments intriguingly that if Canada were like Germany in its form of government, the ballot in the next general election would read: "Do you make a profession of faith towards Premier William Lyon Mackenzie King, and do you vote for the list of the Liberal party?" We think there is a mistake there. Would the name be Hepburn?

BI-MONTHLY METER READING

A saving of a few hundred dollars a year does not make a sufficiently eloquent appeal to all citizens, it developed at the last council meeting. The council had agreed to bi-monthly reading of meters, in order to cut one man's duties in two and free him for other duties and to reduce somewhat office work. Stationery requirements too (poor printers!) would be cut in half. According to a couple of councillors with their ears close to the ground, however, the citizenry would have none of it. The workman didn't want his electric bill to accumulate for two months. It was hard enough to pay it now. Nor was he appeased by the knowledge that his water bill, formerly payable every three months, was now payable every two months.

Keep Rates Down If Possible

The bi-monthly system was not in effect long enough to see whether collections were going to suffer as a result. It might be that the town would lose as much through slow payments and defaults as it would save, although that seems hardly likely. Assuming, however, that there would be a saving of \$300 a year, should the electric light user scorn that saving? There is some doubt as to whether Newmarket's electric plant is paying its way. Electricity costs are going to be calculated separately from water this year for the first time, and if there is a loss it will hardly be fair to ask property-owners as such to pay the loss. There is even talk of an increase in rates. It is said that a huge capital expenditure is necessary to save heavy waste of current. How is an increase in rates to be avoided? If, as is said, every Hydro municipality avails itself of the saving involved in bi-monthly reading of meters, and billing, can we afford to turn down such savings?

A NEW ISM—LIBERAL SCHISM

Toronto newspapers have been trying to put Liberal M. P.'s and M. L. A.'s on the spot by asking them whether they support Mr. King or Mr. Hepburn. Our own provincial member, Mr. Morgan Baker, has answered that he supports both. It is a wise answer that turneth away wrath. Difficulties may increase if Mr. King appeals to the country next year and Mr. Hepburn actively campaigns against him. It would then be necessary for Liberals to swing with Mr. Hepburn or with Mr. King. For ourselves, we never could see any advantage in linking federal and provincial parties. Under present conventions, the man who is a Conservative in British Columbia, is able to give a number of excellent reasons why a Conservative government would be better for that province. He moves to Ontario but he faces no problem in deciding which party he prefers in Ontario. He is automatically opposed to the Liberal government in Ontario and after he has lived here a while, and has read a Conservative newspaper for a while (daily newspapers are still party organs), he is able to give some very good reasons to support his belief that a Conservative government would be better.

Well Illustrated

The fact remains, however, that there is no ideology or philosophy which ties together Conservatives of Ontario with Conservatives of British Columbia or Liberals of Ontario with Liberals of British Columbia. And who can illustrate that better than Mr. Hepburn and Mr. King? Mr. King's idea of a Liberal is one who compromises in such a way as to please the greatest possible number of people, and who keeps his mind open to new ideas but does not act on them until the public demands it. Mr. Hepburn's idea of a Liberal is one who swings to the left and then to the right, who keeps within his budget and sees that Ontario is not made a "milch cow" for the rest of Canada. If Mr. Hepburn could disassociate provincial from federal politics, we would feel that he was performing a service, but, far from having such a purpose, his idea seems to be to make federal Liberalism harmonize with Ontario Liberalism.

The snow came opportunely for Newmarket's Santa Claus parade. Santa was quite convincing. We would like to have seen him driving horses, with lots of bells.

The Fergus News-Record, as one of Col. Drew's home newspapers, gives him the friendly advice that he drop the military prefix. "Become plain George Drew . . . a military title is a greater handicap, we think." It is not so easy to drop a military title. Take Col. W. P. Mulock, M.P. for North York, who has conducted his campaigns as "Bill Mulock." The "Bill Mulock" is becoming more general but the title sticks. And of course the "Col." is useful to distinguish him from that other Bill Mulock, and former member, Sir William.

TO THE ERA FAMILY

Just about the best friends that The Newmarket Era has are the readers of these editorial columns. They are just a proportion, perhaps not very large, of the people who buy The Era and read the news columns. People who just read the news and don't bother with the editorials may be good friends too, but they must think of The Era in a more business-like way than do the readers of editorials. Our own idea of a weekly newspaper is that it is a public institution, belonging to its community. Its duty is to report the happenings and news, or all the news that it is able to gather, of its community as intelligently as it can, and to try to conduct a community forum, through editorials and letters to the editor, on matters of real concern.

Axes To Grind

The motives of a newspaper, whether good motives or bad, are usually to be found in reading the editorials, both the lines and between the lines. We write in The Era freely the things we think about. We are satisfied that anyone who has read the editorial columns of The Era over a period of six months will know that we have no dangerous axes to grind. We are satisfied that they will not think of us as the tool of any particular political party, and that if they think we ride certain topics too frequently or monotonously it is just because we are a little bit hidebound in those particular directions. On the whole, they will think that we believe that we are working in the public service. That's our fond conceit.

Money Necessary

The amount of good public service which a news-

paper can give is strictly limited by its financial success. And that's why we are using the editorial columns this week to say how much we appreciate the help which our readers are giving us. When people speak well of The Era, we hear it sooner or later. It leads a new reader to subscribe or an old reader to re-subscribe. People who think of the cost of producing a little newspaper like The Era, and think of the pleasure it brings to hundreds of homes weekly, and then remark to friends, or neighbors that The Era represents good value for the money spent are helping The Era to become more useful.

Readers And Advertisers Make A Newspaper

People who read The Era are helping us to obtain advertising, which helps us to meet expenses and eventually to improve the local newspaper which belongs to us all. Gradually, as merchants realize how widely The Era is read in their trading area they increase their advertising and The Era is able to give an ever better newspaper. It is the subscribers who make a newspaper, but it is the advertising, display and classified, which provides most of the revenue to keep it going. We thank you all.

Business will be at least ten per cent better in 1939 than in 1938, according to an estimate.

It's nice to have the council election out of the way at Christmas time. There is no need to worry about council slates or by-law votes and upset already over-taxed digestive systems.

We believe that the new town council is going to do some good things for the town. We have heard talk already indicating that some of the new men have ideas for the good of the town.

50 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 21, 1888

Messrs. C. W. Rowen and C.

C. Norris were in town this week.

The Presbyterian choir was

entertained at the residence of

Mr. J. E. Dickson one night last

week.

Mr. John Clubine of Thornhill

is visiting this week with his

aunt, Mrs. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning of Winnipeg are spending Christmas with Mrs. Manning's mother, Mrs. Irwin.

Mr. Frank Wood is home from Winnipeg for Christmas. Mr. Alf. Wood, California, is expected home today.

BORN—In King, Dec. 9, to Mr.

and Mrs. John Flanagan, a son.

MARRIED—At the Methodist

parsonage, Orillia, Nov. 28, by the

Rev. T. Manning, Abram Heise

of Orillia to Miss Frankie Chapelle of Newmarket.

MARRIED—At Trinity church,

Aurora, Dec. 12, by Rev. E. H.

Mussex, Martin McLeod of

Fort McLeod, Manitoba, to Miss

Mary, second daughter of Dr.

Hillary, Aurora.

MARRIED—In the Methodist

parsonage, Newmarket, Dec. 13,

by Rev. L. W. Hill, Wm. Brown

to Miss Emma Jane Reeks, both

of Aurora.

25 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 19, 1913

Mrs. Bastedo entertained

friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Irwin Ross of Ottawa was

home over the weekend.

Miss Sadie Andrews is spending

a few days at Mrs. Heacock's.

The Misses Cassidy of Toronto

visited their aunt, Mrs. Geo.

Wood, on Sunday.

Mrs. R. H. Weddel, Millard

Ave., has been in poor health for

a couple of weeks, but is improv-

ing.

Mr. Albert Stork, accompanied

by his son, Norman, spent Sun-

day in Toronto with another son,

Russell.

Mr. Sherman Brock, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Isaac Brock, was nearly

crushed to death between two

freight cars, in the yards at Win-

nipeg last week. He is improv-

ing now, and hopes are enter-

tained for his recovery.

BORN—In Newmarket, Dec.

18, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P.

Smith, a son.

BORN—At Bond Lake, Dec. 7,

to Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, a

daughter.

DIED—At Newmarket, Dec. 15,

Albert Bogart, in his 70th year.

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Full Fashioned Hose pair 59c to \$1.00
Ladies' Wool Pullovers, each \$1.49 and \$1.95
Moire and Suedine Bridge Covers, each 89c
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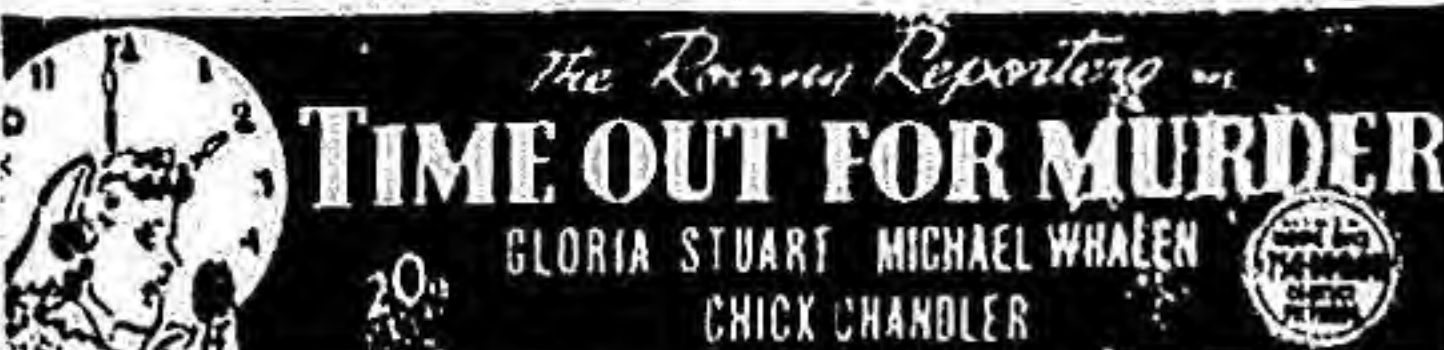
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MONDAY - TUESDAY - DECEMBER - 26 - 27

DOUBLE BILL



MATINEE MONDAY AFTERNOON 2.30 P.M.

The telephone number for the correct time signal in "Time Out for Murder" 1. Columbia 5-3330, 2. Meridian 7-1313, 3. Circle 7-8000, 4. Bryant 9-7000.

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - DECEMBER - 28 - 29

DOUBLE BILL



John Barrymore plays in "Hold That Co-Ed" 1. A governor, 2. A senator, 3. A mayor, 4. A college dean.

POLICE COURT AURORA MAN FINED \$100

A fine of \$100 and costs of \$10, or three months, was imposed on Walter Nesbitt, Aurora, by Magistrate W. F. Woodliffe in police court here on Tuesday. The magistrate also declared Nes-

bitt's premises public and ordered that all the liquor seized be confiscated. The evidence on the charge of keeping liquor for sale laid against Nesbitt was heard last week when Nesbitt pleaded not guilty to the charge through his counsel, Harry Rose. On Tuesday defence counsel said he was willing to plead guilty to a charge of having liquor in an

illegal place, and on the consent of N. L. Mathews, K.C., crown attorney, the charge was amended from having liquor for sale. The three charges laid against Thomas Foster, East Gwillimbury, of having mash and spirits, and assisting in distilling, were adjourned one week. Bail is \$1,000.

Convicted on a charge of frightening a horse, Henry McGann, Newmarket, was fined \$10 and costs, or ten days. The complainant, Alex. Thompson, testified that he was on Prospect St. one day gathering garbage with a horse and wagon when McGann came along with his truck. McGann, who has a loud horn on his truck, kept blowing it all the time he was passing the wagon and he also back-fired the truck, and the horse got frightened and started away across the ditch, Mr. Thompson stated.

Constable Sloss stated that he has had several complaints about the horn on McGann's truck, which is run from the exhaust pipe. The constable stated that he had warned McGann previously about the horn and the back-firing, which is caused by the operator turning off the switch. For not having a dog license, Harry Goodman, Newmarket, was fined \$3 and costs, or three days. Goodman told the magistrate last week that he had bought tags for his two dogs in the crown attorney stated that Good-

man had obtained the tags from the tax collector of the township but that the tags had only been paid for last week after court day.

For driving a truck, without flares, belonging to Jessie Charlton, Toronto, John Rogers was fined \$5 and costs, or five days. County Constable Ronald Watt testified that the truck was parked lengthwise across Yonge St. and that it was impossible to see it, as it had no back lights or flares.

"I am going to register a conviction of common assault against you," the magistrate told Mrs. Rachel Warren, Georgina Island. "You had no right to lay hands on this woman and you had no right to take the law into your own hands. I will suspend sentence on you, but you will be placed on a bond of \$50 to keep the peace for six months and also you must stay away from the house of Mrs. Snache, the complainant."

Mrs. Ryerson Snache testified that she was in her house on Georgina Island when Mrs. Warren walked in and asked her about the letter she had sent to the school to warn the children about fighting with her children. She said Mrs. Warren's little boy was also with her and when the complainant told him to shut East Gwillimbury, so the case was adjourned one week. The up, Mrs. Warren hit her on the forehead and chin, and pushed



MERRY CHICKADEE EMBARRASSED ON HOLIDAY

By RUTH DINGMAN HEBB

"Dear me, I'm always so muddled on Christmas day that I don't know whether I'm going or coming, or whether I'm here or there," said Merry Chickadee to her friend, Mrs. Nuthatch. "Why, how is that?" asked the Nuthatch. "Do you mean all the hustle and merriment, or what?" "I guess I mean the 'merriment,'" laughed Merry. "You see, it's this way. My name is Merry, as you know, and whenever anyone starts to say 'Merry Christmas' to anyone else, and they are doing it constantly, of course, I hear the word 'Merry' and I think they are talking to me and I answer them, and usually they don't want me at all. It's really quite bewildering."

"I'm sure it must be," agreed her friend. "But surely you feel very much in tune with the spirit of Christmas, with a name like that to live up to."

"Oh, I try to do my bit to make other people happy on Christmas," said Merry. "Young Chips and I have just been over to see those two Robins that didn't go south with the others, because one of them was injured. You've probably seen them shivering around."

"We've been hunting all week for extra good places to eat, trees with lots of berries on them, etc., that we can tell our friends about for Christmas presents," Merry went on. "I think that makes as acceptable a Christmas gift as any, don't you?"

"I certainly do," said the Nuthatch. "And I certainly think we all ought to see that every bird has a really filling Christmas dinner, even if we may have to sacrifice a little bit ourselves to do it."

"I don't think there has been very much hardship among the birds so far this year, on account of the milder than usual weather, but still, there are a few who have been hungry, I guess. Those Robins, for instance. When we told them about a lovely tree of berries that we knew about and that we wanted them to have, they were terribly pleased."

"The Squirrels are having a nice time today, going to their storehouses and gorging themselves with nuts," said the Nuthatch. "Just as long as they leave our food alone, I don't mind how much they eat."

"I suppose we should really be friendly even to the people we don't like—even to the Squirrels," mused Merry. "But it certainly goes against the grain to do it."

"Why, there are some Snow Buntings just alighting in that snow-covered field!" exclaimed the Nuthatch. "Let's go over and wish them a Merry Christmas, and then it will soon be time to round up the crowd and go over to that especially fine eating-place we picked out and all enjoy our Christmas feast together!"

her against the stove. Two other Indian women who were at Mrs. Snache's testified that Mrs. Warren had hit her. Lorenzo Bigcanoe acted as interpreter for one witness.

Mrs. Warren testified that when Mrs. Snache swore at her in front of the little boy she slapped her on the face only once.

August Moreau, Toronto, speeding, \$15 and costs, charge laid by Provincial Constable A. O. Ferguson.

Bruce Williamson, North Gwillimbury, non-payment of wages, settled out of court, \$25 and costs of \$1.50, charge laid by Edward Sherwood, North Gwillimbury.

LOCAL MARKET

Prices on the local market on Saturday were: Eggs, a large, 32 cents and a medium 30 cents a dozen. Butter sold for 25 and 26 cents a pound. Young chickens were 16 cents to 20 cents a pound. Turkeys sold for 25 cents and geese 18 cents to 20 cents a pound.

Apples were 25 cents a six quart basket. Carrots, onions and parsnips sold at 15 cents a basket. Citrus, turnips and cabbage were 5 cents each.

TORONTO MARKETS

Prices on the Toronto markets on Tuesday morning were: Eggs, grade A large, 30 cents, A medium, 32 cents and pullets, 31 cents a dozen. Butter sold for 23½ to 23½ cents a pound, for creamery prints, No. 1. Spring broilers 1½ to 2½ pounds were 20 cents a pound. Spring chickens, 5 to 6 pounds sold at 17 cents a pound and over 6 pounds at 18 cents a pound. Fatted hens over 5 pounds were 17 cents a pound. Geese, grade A, were 15 to 16 cents a pound, turkeys, grade A, 10 lbs. and over, 22 cents a pound and ducks, over 5 pounds, were 16 to 18 cents.

Choice weighty steers traded at \$0.75 to \$7. Good butcher steers and heifers sold at \$5.75 to \$6.35. Choice veal calves were priced at \$0.50 to \$1.00. Off-truck bacon hogs closed at \$9.15. Good ewe and wether lambs sold at \$9, with a few as high as \$9.50.

"Who all do you think will be with us this year?" asked Merry. "I wasn't on the invitation committee this year, so I don't know much about it."

"Well, there are sure to be quite a few Goldfinches and Purple Finches, Cedar Waxwings, Pine Siskins, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Kinglets, Juncos, and of course, Nuthatches and Chickadees aplenty," said Mrs. Nuthatch. "And then after we've eaten, there'll be games such as 'hide the nut' and other 'suetable' ones. I certainly hope someone is able to get hold of some suet for the party."

"It sounds as if everything would be very nice indeed," enthused Merry. "I hope no Starlings or English Sparrows come and spoil the fun."

"Well, in accordance with the Christmas spirit which you were just talking about a minute ago, the thing for us to do is to let them join in the festivities, and show friendliness to everyone."

"No doubt you are right my dear," said Merry. "All I can do is hope such friendliness won't be necessary."

Holland Landing

The Sunday-school scholars in the United church at Holland Landing were instructed in the national temperance study course during the month of October.

Eight girls and boys wrote the examination and all passed with honors as follows: senior grade, Norma Pegg and Alma Stephenson; intermediate grade, Gladys Bellar, Flossie Moffat, Violet Moffat, Clayton Hare, and Wallace Hare; junior grade, Isabella Bellar.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 11, these scholars were presented with honor certificates and prize money by Rev. Harold Vaughan at the church service.

DOOR HANDLE FOUND

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he stated. Reuben Ireland, driver of the wagon, testified he first noticed the end of the left whistle-tree fly up as a car passed him. He said that one horse jumped sideways and when he stopped the team, he found the boy lying where he had been thrown by the impact of the car.

County Constable Ronald Watt, who investigated the accident, testified that Preston's car stopped 185 feet from where the boy was picked up. The car was in good condition mechanically, he said, and 35 miles per hour would have been a safe speed for passing, considering the condition of the road.

The grader had passed and removed the marks of the car before the measurements were made, the constable stated.

John Clayton, Newmarket, who was working in a nearby field, testified that he had heard an automobile horn blowing and had seen a car stop and back up to where a team and wagon were standing.

"Did you see the accident?" asked Mr. Mathews. "Yes," said Mr. Clayton. "What were you doing?" "I was burning brush."

"What did you see?" "I heard Mr. Preston's car blow."

"Did you recognize the car?" "No."

"Did you see the wagon?" "Yes."

"Did you see the boys?" "No."

"Did you see the accident?" "No. I saw one boy."

"How many times did the horn blow?" "It blew all the time."

"Did it blow continuously?" asked Dr. Dales. "Yes."

Mr. Clayton said that he was ten rods south of the accident, and 40 rods east.

"What did you do after the accident?" continued Mr. Mathews. "I didn't do anything."

"Did you go to the scene of the accident?" "No."

"Did you know that there was an accident?" "No. Not until I went home."

"Who told you that there was an accident?" "Mrs. McClure at the corner of the fourth."

"How do you know that it was Mr. Preston's car that blew?" "I don't know."

"What time was it?" "Ten o'clock."

"Might it have been nine o'clock?" "Yes."

"Did you see any other cars drive by that morning?" "No."

"Did you see Henry Widdifield drive by?" "No."

"Did you see the police officers there?" "After dinner."

"You didn't see them there in the morning?" "No."

Constable Ronald Watt, recalled, said that the door-handle of the car was 40 inches from the ground.

Mr. Mathews stated that Mr. Preston was present but as a criminal charge had been laid the crown was not asking him to give any evidence. The inquest would have no hearing on the criminal charge he said.

Mr. Preston is charged with manslaughter, and is under bail of \$5,000 to appear in court here on Jan. 3.

Christmas Again

To the Christmas greetings and good wishes of the President, General Manager and Staff of Imperial Bank of Canada at Head Office, Toronto, the manager and staff of this branch add their personal greetings to all friends of the bank in this locality, and extend to them personally the good old wish "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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For sale—1 engine and chopping mill, 3 ton weigh scales, and lot. Wm. Mackie, Queensville. 3447

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For sale—Hall hanging lamp; oil table lamps; coal or wood heater; coal fireplace stove. Reasonable. Apply Mrs. Ed. Johnston, Pine Orchard. 4145

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CARD OF THANKS

Billy Mingay wishes to thank his friends and customers for their patronage during the year, and to wish them the compliments of the season.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Fred L. Van Norman wish to express in this way, if possible, their sincere gratitude to all their many friends who so kindly helped in any way (or offered help) in this time of sadness, also for the many beautiful flowers given to show their affection for him.

ATTENDS SUNDAY-SCHOOL FOR SEVENTY YEARS
Mrs. Annie Hamilton was the oldest pupil at the King United Church Sunday-school's 80th anniversary on Sunday, with an attendance record of 70 years. She joined the school at the age of four.

NOTICE

NORTH Gwillimbury TOWNSHIP
A list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes has been prepared and copies thereof may be obtained from the treasurer, W. Erwin Winch, Belhaven, and the list is being published in the Ontario Gazette; and that in default of payment of the taxes, the lands will be sold by public auction on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1939, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Community Hall, Belhaven. W. ERWIN WINCH Treasurer. 4146

LLOYD POLLOCK HAS CHAMPION FOXES
Lloyd Pollock, Keswick fox farmer, won the sweepstakes championship at the annual Fox Breeders' Association meeting held recently. His foxes also won five other awards.

A peanut vendor, who is somewhat of an institution in front of the White House in Washington, was asked by a dignitary what he thought of the Czech crisis.

"The president and I have an agreement," he replied, "I say nothing about world crises and he agrees not to sell peanuts."

CHURCHES

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Christmas service in the Free Methodist church Thursday evening, Dec. 22, 7:45 p.m. Also, Watch Night service on Saturday evening, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m. All are welcome. Rev. B. Babcock, Pastor.

BIRTHS

Smith—At York county hospital, Dec. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith of King, a daughter.
Foster—On Dec. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Foster, Newmarket, a daughter (Carol Joy).

DEATHS

Bogart—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Jackson, 3075 Laurel St., Vancouver, on Nov. 14, Phoebe Jane Mifflin Bogart, widow of the late Albert Bogart, in her 89th year.

The funeral service was held in Vancouver. Remains were cremated, and ashes interred at Newmarket cemetery.

Brown—At Newmarket, on Saturday, Dec. 17, Minnie Moon, wife of the late George Brown, in her 77th year.

The funeral service was held at St. Paul's church on Tuesday afternoon. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Cole—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Cain, lot 17, con. 4, Scott township, on Friday, Dec. 16, Mary Jane Crouch, widow of the late Wilcox Cole, in her 80th year.

A service was held in Queensville United church on Monday afternoon. Interment in Queensville cemetery.

Cook—At the Westview Nursing home, Stouffville, on Thursday, Dec. 15, Esther Stouffer, wife of Jesse Cook, in her 68th year.

The funeral was held at her late residence, lot 10, concession 8, Whitby, on Saturday, Dec. 17, followed by a service at Heise Hill church. Interment Heise Hill cemetery.

Galbraith—At the residence, 6 Macmillan Ave., Aurora, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, Donald Griffiths, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Galbraith, in his 12th year.

Funeral service from the residence on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 2 o'clock. Interment Aurora cemetery.

Greenwood—At Stouffville, on Friday, Dec. 16, Joseph A. Greenwood, husband of Alberta Cronsberry, in his 68th year.

The funeral service was held at the residence of his son, Alvin Greenwood, Stouffville, on Sunday, Dec. 18. Interment Blar Hill cemetery, Sutton West.

Jenkins—At her late residence, Fleury St., Aurora, on Saturday, Dec. 17, Nellie Sheldon, wife of Edwin C. Jenkins, mother of Mrs. C. Haggan of Haliburton, Agnes and Dorothy, Toronto.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Interment Aurora cemetery.

McKinley—At Newmarket, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, Theresa Louise Dudenhofer, wife of the late Colin McKinley, in her 78th year.

Funeral service at her late residence, Newmarket north, on Friday, Dec. 23, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Taylor—On Wednesday, Dec. 14, at his home in Queensville, Ont., David Taylor, husband of Kate Morrison, in his 72nd year.

The funeral service was held at Queensville United church, Saturday, Dec. 17th, at 1:30. Interment at the Old Stone church cemetery, Beaverton.

Van Norman—At Keswick, Ont., on Thursday, Dec. 15, Fred L. Van Norman.

The funeral service was held at his late residence on Sunday, Dec. 18. Interment Queensville cemetery.

Willson—At the Orchardview Rest Home, Saturday, Dec. 17, Isabella Graham, widow of Peter Willson and mother of Mrs. Wilbert M. Hough, in her 84th year.

A funeral service in Toronto on Sunday evening was followed by a service in Mount Albert United church on Monday. Interment in Zephyr cemetery.

Wood—At her late residence, lot 27, concession 3, King township, on Saturday, Dec. 17, Huldah Lavelle, wife of the late William Wood, mother of Mrs. A. Appleton and Aubrey, in her 72nd year.

The funeral was held from the above address on Monday, Dec. 19. Interment at King.

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BORN IN NEWFOUNDLAND,
MRS. A. STICKWOOD DIES
Mrs. Alfred Stickwood of Holland Landing died at York county hospital on Dec. 12, following a month's illness. She was in her 60th year.

Lydia L. Barbour was born in Newfoundland on June 9, 1879. In 1910 she married Alfred Stickwood, who survives her. Two daughters, Mrs. Alvin Foster and Blanche, also survive. Mrs. Stickwood also leaves a brother, Alphaeus Barbour, and four sisters, Elfrida, Barry, Min, Margaret and Beatrice. Mrs. Stickwood was a member of the United church.

The funeral service was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose, on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The pallbearers were S. R. Goodwin, Mr. Bates, G. B. Thompson, Jim Dutton, Percy Thompson and Urwin Tate. Rev. Harold Vaughan conducted the services. Interment was made in Queensville cemetery.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

PHONE 12

—Miss Florence Cole expects to spend the holidays at her home in Ottawa.

—Miss Muriel MacDonald expects to spend the holidays at her home in Toronto.

—Miss Kathleen Stewart expects to spend the holidays at her home in Fort William.

—Miss F. Johnston, of the high school staff, expects to spend the holidays at her home in Bracebridge.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Blackstock are expecting Mrs. Blackstock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, of Guelph, over the Christmas holiday.

—Miss Irene McCulley expects to spend the holidays in St. Thomas with her mother.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Westbrook expect to spend the Christmas holidays in Peterborough with Mr. Westbrook's parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dolan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. Yawman.

—Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Spooner are expecting Mrs. Spooner's mother, Mrs. M. Harper, of Kingston, over the Christmas holiday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowman spent the weekend visiting in Toronto.

—Little Jackie Sloan of Toronto, nephew of Mr. J. W. Bowman, is spending a couple of days in town with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowman.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Mungovan are expecting Mrs. Mungovan's brother, Mr. Campbell Dolan of Perron, Que., as a guest for the Christmas holiday.

—Mr. A. M. Chipman of Pickering College staff will spend the Christmas holidays at his home at Middleton, Nova Scotia.

—Mr. George Vale, Jr., wife and family, of Toronto, will spend Christmas with Mr. Vale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Vale.

—Misses Margaret Duncan and Shirley Price spent the weekend with Miss Duncan's mother, Mrs. Frank Duncan.

—Miss Gladys Sloss of Toronto and Mr. Max. Leach of Port Credit were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sloss.

—Mrs. Anthony Caruso of Port Perry, who underwent an operation about two weeks ago, is spending until after the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Thoms.

—Miss Florence Chantler of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chantler.

—Mr. Clarence Chantler of Oakville and Mr. Law Chantler of Alliston are expected to spend the Christmas weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chantler.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Cook and family are expecting to spend the Christmas weekend with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Shantz, Kitchener.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ted. Kershaw and two children of Toronto were weekend guests of Mrs. Kershaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson.

—Mr. Gordon List, Miss Jean Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green, all of Toronto, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards and children expect to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Edwards' aunt, Mrs. H. Alderton, of Toronto.

—Mr. Harold Coupland of Toronto spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coupland.

—Miss Mae Coupland of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coupland.

—Mrs. Fred Connell of Toronto spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. L. Atkinson.

—Mrs. J. A. Gilmour and Miss Margaret Gilmour will spend the Christmas holiday in Toronto, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cowie.

—Mrs. Barbara Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacGregor and baby, of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Mathewson.

—Mr. Vern Arnold of Thornbury, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Arnold.

—Miss Jean E. Boyd spent the weekend in Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bell of Ottawa are expected as Christmas holiday guests of their sons, Mr. J. L. R. Bell, and Mr. W. C. Bell.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Armstrong expect their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, of North Bay, home for the Christmas holiday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Norris Brandon expect to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Brandon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dure, Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Marwood spent the past week visiting in Montreal.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Armitage are expecting Mr. Armitage's sister, Mrs. J. H. Rogers, of Toronto, and Mrs. Armitage's sister, Miss L. Walton, of Schomberg, over the Christmas weekend.

—Mr. Howard Boyd, who is attending University of Toronto, is home for the holidays.

—Dr. Glen Boyd of Guelph spent the weekend with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Boyd.

—Mr. Franklin Boyd of Toronto spent the weekend with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Boyd.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bugler expect to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Bugler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis, of Aurora.

—Miss Ruby Carruthers spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carruthers.

—Mr. John Carruthers and Miss Bessie Carruthers, both of Toronto, will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carruthers.

—Mrs. Caldwell and Grant expect to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Caldwell's sons in Barrie.

—Mr. Kenneth Muma of Toronto was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henry.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith and two children of Kitchener are expected for the Christmas weekend at the home of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coupland.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Campbell of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Case of Aurora were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith.

—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Choppin of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. Choppin's mother, Mrs. H. E. Choppin.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cockburn and family expect to spend the Christmas holiday in Guelph.

—Mr. Leslie Reilly left today to spend two weeks with his brother in Denver, Colorado.

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YOUR CO-OPERATION INVITED

Water, Light Heads Explain Public Utilities Commission

Would Make Aurora More
"Hydro-Like," Coun-
cillors State

In an endeavor to make clear to the voters the question that will be placed before them at the forthcoming election concerning the establishment of a public utilities commission to govern the activities of the town's water and light departments, the following statement has been released by the chairman of the town council committees involved.

"Following out the policy as promised a year ago, when the renewal of the agreement for purchase of power from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission at an advantageous rate was made, that they would make the distribution and sale as 'Hydro-like' as they were able, the council are submitting to the people of Aurora at the Jan. 2 election, a by-law for the establishment of a utilities commission instead of the present committees of council having charge of each of the two departments.

"If we were a Hydro municipality, we would be compelled to set up a commission without taking a vote of the ratepayers, but as we are not, it is optional with the electors.

"If the vote for the by-law is

EXCHANGE PULPITS

Rev. C. E. Fockler, of Keswick United Church, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Dr. E. J. Thompson on Sunday evening.

favorable, the members of the commission will be nominated, and, if necessary, voted upon at the next regular nomination meeting, in December, 1939, and thence one annually at the same time and place, each serving for a two-year period, and with the mayor, forming a commission of three, with provision for payment for their services as the by-law indicates.

"The commission will accordingly not be established until one year hence, and will, if carried by a vote of the people at this pending election on Jan. 2, 1939, have full charge of the administration of the affairs of the electric light and waterworks distribution systems.

"The H.E.P.C. of Ontario insist upon such a commission in all municipalities over which they have supervision. Do you wish us to become more Hydro-like?"

The statement is signed by J. A. Knowles, chairman of the water-

works committee, and Geo. W. Baldwin, chairman of the electric light committee.

Fire Loss Is \$735 In '38, Chief Rowe Tells Council

Fire Drills In Schools Answered Promptly, Report States

Twenty-three fire calls, 13 of which were without fire loss, were answered by the Aurora fire-fighters this year, Fire Chief Frank Rowe reported to council on Thursday.

The fire loss on the ten calls where damage was reported, amounted to \$735. The brigade answered two calls from King township and one from Whitchurch, the chief stated.

In a fire drill at the public school, the building had been cleared of its 358 pupils in one minute and 20 seconds. The high school had been cleared of 185 pupils in one minute and five seconds, the report showed.

The firemen had assisted in directing or policing 17 civic or sports events during the year.

The report recommended that the incoming council consider the passing of a by-law to prohibit the erection of all "stands" near the street line in the business section. These constitute fire hazards in many cases, it is understood.

The report was received and the fire brigade was highly praised for its efficiency.

Vandorf

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Arthur van Nostrand, on Wednesday, Dec. 14. After the business of the day was dispensed with, an interesting report of the W. I. convention, which was held in the Royal York hotel, Nov. 16, 17 and 18, was given by the two delegates, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. Stephenson.

Mrs. Geo. Preston gave an interesting paper on Christmas customs in other lands, and Betty Preston gave a piano accompaniment solo.

There was a good basketful of gifts for the Children's Shelter at Willowdale, from the ladies at this meeting. After singing the national anthem, the hostesses served lunch and a social half hour was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Willis was instructed to purchase prizes for the school children who wrote the temperance lessons, and distribute the same. These were given to the children on Monday afternoon and the expression on the faces of the recipients was reward enough for any who take an interest in their work.

The school children's Christmas entertainment given in the hall on Tuesday evening was well attended and much enjoyed by the children and audience alike. The scholars and teacher, with his assistants, are congratulated on the evening's entertainment. These programs help to develop the talents of each child, and show originality and handcraft ability. Rev. Mr. Westcott acted as chairman, and Santa arrived at Vandorf just on time.

Wesley Sunday-school Christmas entertainment will be held in the church on Friday evening, Dec. 23.

Mrs. Henderson, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Switzer, went to Toronto last week.

Mrs. Switzer spent a few days in Scotland last week with her daughter, Mrs. King.

Era printing costs little.

ABOUT TOWN

We wish you all a merry Christmas.

There might be more original ways of phrasing the ancient wish, but we have failed to think of them. It occurs to us that this season's good wishes were expressed most adequately on the first Christmas, some 2,000 years ago. Remember . . .

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.'"

Canadians are fortunate in that a goodly measure of peace and goodwill have been theirs this year. We don't know what Hitler's Christmas card will say. Nor do we know what Stalin, Mussolini, Chamberlain and ex-President Benes will have to say to each other on Christmas eve.

We don't know . . . and we don't need to care. That is the measure of our good fortune this year—that we in Canada do not have to worry too much about the European Christmas salutes.

We have no armaments to speak of, despite the fact that some insist on speaking of them, but we can take pride in the fact that the phrase, "peace and goodwill toward men," probably is more expressive of Canada's foreign policy than it is of the foreign policy of any other country.

It may not be our fault that we're not entangled with the war-mongering masters of Europe. Little has been done by our government to keep us out of war. Yet we are out of war—so far.

Let us thank God for that. The celebration of the birthday of the Prince of Peace falls on Sunday this year, and it may be, perhaps, that some time during the day we will find time to think of that earliest Christmas greeting and of its present meaning for us.

WE NOMINATE

While we are still full of a measure of sweetness and light, it might be a good time to discuss 1939's council-to-be.

We recall the remarks of a minister at the council's inaugural meeting in 1938. He pointed out that Aurora had a very representative council—a doctor, lawyer, dentist, merchant, miller, a retired farmer and a business man.

To this we would add that each of the members has achieved sufficient success in his own work to warrant his appointment to the town's work. We believe this to be true.

Moreover, we can see no reason why the men you appointed last year should not be just as good this year. In fact, they should be better . . . they have had a year's experience in municipal work. All of them, therefore, deserve your support . . . if you are satisfied with the work they have done.

Such warnings as that implied in "jumping from the frying-pan into the fire," and Hamlet's, "Tis better to eling to what ills we have, than flee to others that we know not of," should be borne in mind.

There are no scandals in Aurora's council. Your representatives have grown neither fat nor rich at your expense. Any mistakes they may have made are mistakes that would as surely have been made by anyone you might have elected, or may yet elect.

The best way to eliminate such mistakes is by putting back into office the men who made them, and who made them honestly. Being well-intentioned men, they'll not make them again.

Besides, we don't know what the mistakes were, nor we'll wager, do you. The men who made them are probably the only ones who can make them right next time.

There is a chance, of course, that there is some man among you who can not only point out council's mistakes in the past year but can apply a remedy. If there is such, let him appear at the nomination meeting on Friday night and try to fill the vacancy occasioned by the appointment of our town solicitor.

WARNING

To those who may be seeking election to council for the first time, we would like to point out that those who cheer you when you accept the nomination will most likely be the same who hiss you for the balance of the year. It even goes up, of course . . . except that the cheers last for one evening—while the hissing lasts for 365 days and 365 nights. Don't say we didn't tell you.

—J. F. W.

DATES GIVEN FOR GROUP HOCKEY ENCOUNTERS

The following schedule for Group 3, junior "C" hockey series, has been released:

*Markham at Aurora, Dec. 27
E. York at Stouffville, Dec. 27
Stouffville at Markham, Dec. 29
Aurora at E. York, Dec. 27

Markham at Stouffville, Jan. 3
E. York at Aurora, Jan. 3
Aurora at Markham, Jan. 5
Stouffville at E. York, Jan. 5
Markham at E. York, Jan. 9
Aurora at Stouffville, Jan. 9

Aurora at Markham, Jan. 12
Stouffville at E. York, Jan. 12

Stouffville at Aurora, Jan. 13

Markham at E. York, Jan. 16

Aurora at Stouffville, Jan. 17

E. York at Markham, Jan. 19

E. York at Aurora, Jan. 20

Markham at Stouffville, Jan. 20

Aurora at E. York, Jan. 23

Stouffville at Markham, Jan. 23

E. York at Markham, Jan. 26

Stouffville at Aurora, Jan. 27

E. York at Stouffville, Jan. 31

Markham at Aurora, Jan. 31

*Aurora's first game, with Markham, on Dec. 27, will be played in Richmond Hill arena.

Celebrate 68th Year Married

Believed to be the oldest married couple in York county, James Ross, 94, and Mrs. Ross, 89, celebrate together their 68th wedding anniversary at their home on Kennedy St., Aurora, on Thursday.

Mr. Ross was born in King township, joined the militia at 20 and was called out for service in the Fenian raids. His grandfather was a soldier and secured a land grant on a homestead situated where Forest Hill Village now stands.

Mr. Ross taught school for a number of years in his native township. They lived for 21 years in Toronto and settled in Aurora 23 years ago.

Will Celebrate Golden Wedding

Married in Toronto 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cousins will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Mr. Cousins was born 76 years ago, on Yonge St., south of Aurora, but the family moved into Vaughan township shortly afterward.

He started farming near Purpleville when he was 24 years old and was married a year later to Jennie Morrow, daughter of pioneer parents in that neighborhood. Eleven years later he purchased a 200-acre farm north of Woodbridge, which he farmed up until 23 years ago, when he retired to live in Woodbridge. He moved to Aurora nine years ago.

Change In Apartment Water Rate Is Recommend By Committee

A recommendation that the quarterly charge for water consumption be amended when next the rates were sent out, was brought in by Reeve J. A. Knowles, chairman of the water works department on Thursday.

When one or more apartments were served from the one inlet, not metered, it was recommended that each apartment be charged the full regular rate for the number of outlets in use, in the same manner as if they were separate houses.

Hitherto apartment rates had, in some cases, been based on the assumption that there were fewer people in the average apartment than in the average house, and that in consequence less water would be used in an apartment, and the lower rate was charged.

The practice, however, did not cover all apartments, and the new by-law was introduced to remedy the condition.

King

The funeral service of the late Mrs. Frank Gambrell was held in the United church on Thursday.

Mrs. Gambrell is survived by her husband, four daughters, Mrs. Earl Campbell, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Ray Moore, Toronto, and Reeve, and her son, Verle.

Kinghorn school concert was presented on Friday evening. The children provided most of the concert with some of the section presenting a play.

The Anglican Sunday-school held their supper and Christmas tree on Monday evening.

The Y.P.U. had a lovely Christmas worship period last Thursday evening, followed by slides giving the story of Dr. Victoria Chung. This proved to be an exceptionally interesting program.

Bruce Hall and Marvin Hunter have been taken on in the post office at Toronto for the Christmas rush.

Norman Newson of Toronto spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kerswill. Miss Lillian Leese and Mr. Verne McCarthur, both of Millbrook, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carson on Sunday.

It is with gratitude that friends hear that Miss Elizabeth McClure has returned from the hospital and is gaining strength.

Miss Beth Baldwin is home for the Christmas vacation.

Lasky United church held its concert on Monday night in co-operation with Strange school. Several dialogues and short plays were given, some of which were "The Two Christmas Parables," and "Hiram's Peddlers."

The program was climaxed with a pageant entitled "Glad Tidings."

Merry Christmas to all.

Victoria Square

Leonard Harman is heartily congratulated on his appointment to the office of president of the United Farm Young People of Ontario. Leonard's Junior Farmer friends at Victoria Square wish him every success in his new office.

On Tuesday evening of last

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Ethel Graham of Toronto spent the weekend with her uncle, Mr. Tnos. Graham.

Mr. William Pitts of Orillia is spending some time in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Carberry.

Miss Helen Patterson, who has been training for a deaconess in Toronto, is spending her vacation with her parents here.

Lady Eaton and Aemilius Jarvis, joint masters of the hunt club, received the guests at the hunt club ball last Friday evening in the high school auditorium.

Miss Marjorie Fleming, who is attending library school, is spending her vacation in town.

Miss K. Senth, who is attending the university of Toronto, is home for the holidays.

Misses Leila and Helen Roynton motored to Niagara Falls, N. Y., on Saturday. Their niece, who has been visiting here, returned home with them.

Mrs. Frank Paxton of Hamilton visited her mother, Mrs. D. Nelson, on Tuesday.

DEATHS

Following a prolonged illness, Donald Griffiths, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Galbraith, Macell Ave., passed away on Tuesday. He was in his twelfth year.

The funeral service will be conducted from the residence on Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment will be made in Aurora cemetery.

The death occurred on Saturday of Nellie Sheldon, wife of Edwin C. Jenkins, Fleury St., and mother of Mrs. C. Haggan, Haliburton, and Agnes and Dorothy, of Toronto.

L.O.B.A. Holds Names Officers

Richmond Hill Ladies Help With Installation Ceremonies

Election and installation of officers of the Queen Mary chapter of L.O.B.A. took place in the Orange hall, Aurora, last week, with sisters from the Richmond Hill chapter taking part in the ceremonies.

Sister M. Hodgkinson is worthy mistress; Sister H. Heygons, deputy worthy master; Sister M. Seaton, P.M., senior committee; Sister G. Sloss, chaplain; Sister A. Stuart, P.M., receiving secretary; Sister E. Daniels, P.M., financial secretary.

Sister M. Waite, treasurer; Sister H. Hoover, 1st lecturer; Sister A. Bice, deputy-lecturer; Sister M. Long, P.M., director of ceremonies; Sister M. Fleury, inner guard; Sister A. Summers, outer guard; Sister A. Brown, third committee; Sister M. Mitchell, P.M., fourth committee; Sister M. Long, P.M., fifth committee.

Sister O. Stuart, P.M., guardian; Sisters A. Cluett, P.M., H. Higgins, H. Minge, auditors; Sisters E. Taylor, P.M., M. Seaton, P.M., L. Fleury, sick committee.

A business meeting and a banquet rounded out the program for the evening, and a draw was made with Sister M. Hodgkinson and N. Harmon being declared winners.

Schomberg

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shipley and family, who have been residents of Schomberg for a number of years, moved away last week to take up farming near Lefroy, Ont. Prior to their going, the choir of the United church presented them with a chair. Mr. Shipley had been a member of the choir.

The Women's Institute's regular euchre was held in the club room on Wednesday night, Dec. 14.

Prizewinners were, 1st, Ladies, Mrs. Morrison; 2nd, Mrs. H. Thompson; 1st gentlemen, Mr. Wilson; 2nd gentlemen's prize went to Mrs. Kay.

The Junior bridge club met on Monday last week at the home of Miss Florence Sutton. Prizes went to Miss Rachel Proctor and Mr. Ryerse.

Much interest has been aroused by the erection of a community Christmas tree in the centre of the village. This work is being sponsored by the merchants of the town, who, with the assistance of the Women's Institute, are giving the children a Christmas treat on Friday of this week.

The Sunday evening service at the United church took the form of a white gift service, with Dr. Mercer in charge. A large congregation attended.

Mrs. E. Marchant was in the city on Thursday last.

They worshipped Him as Christ

Aurora Beats Barrie By Four Goal Margin

Folliott, Grosskurth Shine In All-Star Hockey Performance

With a four-goal flurry in the first period, the Aurora all-stars tucked away another game of their series in the Midland arena, and left their opponents, the Barrie "C" squad, with nothing but a prayer, which was answered by a single tally later in the game.

The game showed the Aurorians to be the faster team, and the fact that most of their goals came as the result of combination efforts is leading the fans to hope that the lads will be able to show some real hockey before the season goes very far.

Some of the Barrie Colts were seen in their "C" line-up, but as the top Barrie team was playing in Toronto the same night, it is not likely that the Aurorians met the best of the Barrie boys.

While the whole Aurora line showed up nicely, the fast-moving Folliott got most credit for his fine rushes and was rewarded with one goal and two assists.

Grosskurth shared the limelight, also, with a goal and two assists. First blood of the game went to Aurora on a three-man play, with Grosskurth bulging the twine on a Michnik and Cumming passing effort.

Twenty-five seconds later, Michnik scored on a pass from Grosskurth.

The third goal came near the end of the period with Folliott taking a pass from Grosskurth to score.

WILL ORGANIZE CLUB FOR JUVENILE HOCKEY

A meeting will be held in the town hall on Wednesday night of next week, for the purpose of organizing Aurora's juvenile hockey team. All interested are urged to attend.

Folliott staged a splendid rush from defense in the second period, heaved a pass to Cumming, who scored nicely.

Further scoring in the second period was slowed down by penalties to Gibbons and McComb. The beginning of the third period saw McComb in the penalty box again and Barrie took advantage of the opportunity to spoil the Aurorians' shut-out chances on a shot from Cavanagh, assisted by Houghton.

McComb made good shortly after on a nice play, taking a pass from Folliott to put Aurora into a 5-1 lead.

Goal-tending duties were again shared by McGhee and Carr with equal success. Collings alternated with Bone and Folliott on defense to give Aurora the greatest strength in that department that they've had in years.

Michnik, McComb, Cumming, Broughton, Duncan and Crowder showed no weakness in attack, and maintained a steady back-checking. Evans and Gibbons looked good and Grosskurth, away from his studies, and out with Aurora for the first time this season, showed everything that was expected of him.

Mayor, Councillors Will Stand For Election In '39

Final Council Meeting Is Twenty-First Of Current Year

Aurora's council held its last and 21st meeting of the year in the council chambers on Thursday evening of last week.

The mayor, Dr. C. R. Boulding, warmly expressed his thanks to the councillors for their co-operation, and stated that he would stand for mayor in 1939.

Reeve J. A. Knowles also announced his intention of seeking re-election. A lot of work remained to be accomplished, the reeve said. He stated that the county had again ended the year with a surplus.

Councillor Dr. E. J. Henderson will also be a candidate at the elections.

Councillor George Baldwin, chairman of the light department, stated that he had enjoyed the work of the council and thanked all for their help. His committee had made changes in the electric light department which he felt would be beneficial to the ratepayers.

Councillor L. K. Farr expressed his thanks to his fellow-councillors and stated that he had enjoyed his work.

Councillor C. E. Sparks also stated that he enjoyed municipal work, and that he liked particularly the manner in which the will of the majority was accepted. He wished the councillors a merry Christmas.

While neither Councillors Farr nor Sparks stated that they would run for council in 1939, it is believed that both will yield to the wishes of their many supporters and stand for re-election.

their King,
And gave Him gifts that day.
(Repeat)

We have no gold nor spices rare,
For Him this Christmas Day,
But we have treasures we can spare,
For Christ our King today.

There was no room in Bethlehem's inn,
To take the Baby Saviour in.
Open wide your heart and bid Him stay,
On this glad Christmas Day.

(Repeat)

On that first Christmas Day,
He gave His Son, His only Son,
To bless the world all way.
What is your Christmas gift to Him,
Enthroned Him in your heart as King.

Open wide your heart and bid Him stay,
On this glad Christmas Day.
(Repeat)

The shepherds heard the Angels sing,

On that first Christmas Day,
They came and worshipped Christ as King.

On that first Christmas Day,
The Magi sought Him from afar,
And followed close their guiding star,
They worshipped Him as Christ

MOTHERS ENTERTAINED

Mothers were invited to the high school on Monday afternoon when slides on "Fabrics and Foods" were shown to members of the household economics class, directed by Miss Ruth Kitching.

Tea was served, with Mrs. J. H. Knowles presiding at the table. Inspection of the high school department and the manual training room was made following the tea. Miss Mary Bowman played a piano solo.

SNOWBALL District Mourns Mrs. Wm. Wood

The Snowball Women's Institute will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Gellately at King City on Wednesday, Dec. 28. The roll-call: "A way to keep the Christmas spirit alive throughout the year," education convener, Miss H. Webb; address on temperance, Mrs. Phipps; contest, Christmas carols.

The hostesses will be Mrs. E. Copson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Reddick, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Beckett.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shropshire spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haines.

Mr. Roy Haines was in Toronto last Thursday.

Mr. Chas. Mills and Miss Ann Belfry spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills.

The Snowball public school concert was held in the school-house on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The teacher and children have worked hard and put on a very good performance.

The hydro has been installed in the school and was much appreciated that night.

Her many friends and neighbors have deep mourning in their hearts for Mrs. Wm. Wood, who was laid to rest on Monday, Dec. 19, at King cemetery.

Mrs. Wood was a very ardent helper in the church and W.M.S. She had been ill for some time and it was early on Saturday morning that she was taken. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

fanned at Bloomington.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Cook leaves four brothers



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The Common Round

By Isabel Inglis Colville
THE EVE AND THE DAY

There's magic in the words "Christmas Eve"; a sense of expectancy that grows deeper as we go about our preparations for the great birthday celebration of the ages. As night falls, the stars seem to glitter with a splendor reserved for the "Night of Nights," and as you stand out under them, you experience a feeling of hushed expectancy as if the whole world were waiting to catch again the song the angels sang.

One of the lovely things about living in the country, is Christmas Eve. One looks over the snowy fields, lying so quietly under the stars, and it is so easy to visualize the shepherds, hast-

ening toward Bethlehem, and one can imagine the white snowy road to be the white sandy road from the desert, over which the magi came in their quest.

And then we turn to the house, where wreaths hang in every window and where Christmas magic touches you whenever you enter.

"One would know it was near Christmas the minute one opened one's door," said a friend of ours, and I suppose it's because of our few simple traditions.

We do all our decorating a few days before Christmas—never wait till Christmas Eve—and so we have the good smell of the spruce, the shimmer and glisten

of the stars, the gay garlands and vivid jewel-like ornaments to make us feel the very special beauty, and sense of apartness which sets Christmas in a place by itself.

And then there's the Christmas smell—made up of the woody smell of the trees—we always have two—and a different kind of special Christmas cookery, each day.

"We'll make cookies for the children today—you can decorate them," says mother. "Yes and white fruit cake tomorrow," I went on, and "doughnuts last of all," we chorused triumphantly.

All this leading up to the variety of lovely odors which abound on Christmas morning.

All these things are lovely in themselves, but they'd lose much of their magic if they were ONLY for ourselves or for those we love.

There is the excitement and joy of packing the box or basket—to go where someone is expecting nothing—where no joyous excitement reigns and where the magic of the word Christmas

has lost the power to charm, for it's hard to keep one's faith when poverty, loneliness and sorrow are our only housemates.

We can GIVE at Christmas where we wouldn't dare give without fear of offence at any other time. Why shouldn't we with such wonderful examples before us?

"God gave us the Babe of Bethlehem," the Wise Men gave gold, frankincense and myrrh, and shepherds and angels gave adoration.

There's the magic of Christmas Eve—the magic of expectancy. The only thing I miss in the country on Christmas Eve is the peeling out of the church bells; they used to seem to so entirely belong to the night. They rang out their own carol of welcome and joy, and one drifted off to dreamland thinking of the "First Noel."

Then there's the magic of Christmas Day—the magic of fulfillment. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," hums my better half; "Oh, come all ye faithful," runs through my head, and we turn on the radio to have a perfect flood of carols echo through the garlanded rooms, to take our thoughts back 2,000 years.

This year Palestine is as much a storm centre as it was when a little Child was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

One wonders as the anniversary of the Saviour's birth comes near, if again some miracle may

happen—some heaven-inspired man arise and bring order out of chaos—hope to a world full of dark abysses; hope to the down-trodden and the hopeless, and a wider and more Christ-like outlook to those who stand at the helms of the various ships of state.

It seems to us impossible that the angels' message of peace and good will can penetrate into the places that are locked against love and light. But two thousand years ago the "Light of the World" shone through the darkness. And we deny HIS power to lighten the dark places again? Because of one Christmas, Christmas must bring hope!

May I take this opportunity to wish the editor and staff of The Era, and the many kind readers of the Common Round, a Merry Christmas—merry and happy and good!

Kettleby

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Adair attended the funeral on Saturday of their cousin, the late Mrs. Garnet Breddon, of Tottenham.

Mrs. Raymond Marshall has returned home after visiting her brother in Milton. Mr. Tatton Holloway of St. Catharines was a weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beatty.

Miss Laura Black has returned home after spending several days

with her cousin, Mrs. Ross Marchant, of Lloydstown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Codlin, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Peters, and also Miss O. Travis and friend were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harmon.

Pottageville

The Pottageville concert held Thursday, Dec. 15, supervised by Miss V. Allan, was a great success. There was over three and a half hours of continuous activity and laughter. Many pieces by the Pottageville orchestra were played between acts.

The program was a lengthy one, consisting of dialogues, recitations, drills, plays, etc. Rev. W. J. Burton was chairman and last but not least the Christmas visitor, Santa Claus, was most eagerly looked for by the children.

A Christmas service will be held at Pottageville United church on Friday evening, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Frogatt will spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Elder, of Toronto.

FOUR CARS RECOVERED BY POLICE IN NOVEMBER

York county police department reports for November as follows: total number of miles travelled, 6,198; number of prisoners passing through cells (Toronto), 172; number of trips to jails and institutions, 111; fingerprints sent to Ottawa (sets), 20; prosecutions completed, Adelaide St. court, 31; Newmarket court, 10.

Number of courts policed, county court (Adelaide St.), 42; Newmarket court, 10; domestic court, 8.

Number of persons arrested, 7; number of search warrants executed: gaming-house warrants, 1; liquor warrants, 5; stolen property warrants, 7; prisoners transported, Newmarket court from Don jail, 10; prisoners transported, Newmarket court to Don jail, 14.

Property recovered: four automobiles, valued at \$2,050; two bicycles, valued at \$40; two cream cans, valued at \$12. Total value of recovered property \$2,102.

NO ONE HAS

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filled with nature references? And did not the Nazareth neighbors refer to him as the carpenter's son and a brother in his own family? His keenness of mind was later demonstrated by his cleverness in debate and repartee with the best minds of his generation. His sturdiness of body is attested by the strenuous character of the life he lived.

"It is not my desire to add one further word to the whole library that has been written about his birth, his life, or his death. Rather would I point out that, humble though his birth, simple though his home and short his life, that all history, before and since, revolves about him. Cynics may scoff and sceptics may jeer, but it remains true that no single person has so influenced the whole course of human affairs. Man, like as we are, and God indeed, incarnating in his person and in his life all that is beautiful, all that is good, all that is true.

"At his birth the anthem sounded, 'Peace on earth, good will to men'; with his last words he prayed for forgiveness for the stupidity and lack of understanding of his contemporaries, and submitted himself to the violence, the hatreds and the passions of his own age.

"The world is still overflowing with violence, passion and hatred. Human beings are still stupid and lacking in understanding. Those who would help to usher in the beloved community of Jesus' dreams must rise above the passion, the prejudice and the intolerance of our age, as Jesus did

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MAPLE HILL

Services were as usual last Sunday. The pastor gave a very helpful message and there was also a short time for testimonies. The Christmas tree and entertainment was held at Bert Scott's on Monday evening.

Prayer meeting will be held Friday evening at Bert Plummer's home.

Miss Blanche Scott is spending a few days with her parents. Miss Pearl Scott of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. David Love on Monday.

The Peace of Christmas

(Contributed by John C. Kirkwood, Toronto)

Christmas for many is a day for reflection. The peace of Christmas takes possession of their heart and mind. For their happiness they need not the merriment of gift-making and gift-receiving, of glad greetings, of choristers singing carols, of joyous Christmas bells, of hilarious dinners. More to their liking is the solitude of their study, a warming fireside, the solace of tobacco, a glass of wine to be sipped. Here their fancy is released. Here do they become meditative.

How delightful are the Christmas fancies of Alexander Smith, a Scots writer who lived 80-90 years ago, as found in his "Dreamthorp," described as "a book of essays written in the country."

"Sitting here," writes Smith, "I incontinently find myself holding a levee of departed Christmas nights. Silently, and without special call, into my study of imagination come these apparitions, clad in snowy mantles, brooches and gemmed with frosts. Their numbers I do not care to count, for I know that they are the numbers of my years. The visages of two or three are sad enough, but on the whole 'tis a congregation of jolly ghosts. The nostrils of my memory are assailed by a faint odor of plum-pudding and burnt brandy. I hear a sound as of light music, a whisk of women's dresses whirled round in a dance, a click as of glasses pledged by friends."

"Before one of these apparitions is a mound, as of a new-made grave, on which the snow is lying. I know, I know! Drape thyself not in white like the others, but in mourning stole of cape; and instead of dance music let there haunt around thee the service for the dead! I know that sprig of mistletoe, O Spirit in the midst! Under it I swung the girl I loved—and kissed her in spite of blush and pretty shriek."

"And thee, too, with fragrant tresser in hand, over which blue tongues of flame are playing, do I know—most ancient apparition of them all. I remember thy reigning night. Back to the very days of my childhood am I taken by the ghostly raisins simmering in a ghostly brandy flame. Where are now the merry boys and girls that thrust their fingers in thy blaze? And now, when I think of it, these also would I drape in black raiment; around thee also would I make the burial service murmur."

"On many a day in every year does a man remember what took place on that self-same day in some former year, and chews the sweet or bitter herb of memory, as the case may be. It is strange how important the poorest human being is to himself—how he likes to double back on his experiences, to stand on the place he has stood on before, to meet himself face to face, as it were. The spot of ground on which a man has stood is forever interesting to him. Every experience is an anchor holding him the more firmly to existence."

"In this Christmas night all other Christmas nights of my life live. Everything is silent in Dreamthorp. The smith's hammer reposes beside the anvil. The weaver's flying shuttle is at rest. Through the clear wintry sunshine the bells this morning rang from the gray church tower and the leafless elms, and up the walk the villagers trooped in their best dresses and their best faces—the latter a little reddened by the sharp wind; mere redness in the middle-aged; in the maids wonderful bloom to the eyes of their lovers—and took their places decently in the ancient pews."

"From sermon I have returned like the others, and it is my purpose to hold Christmas alone. I have no one with me at table. My own thoughts must be my Christmas guests. Sitting here it is pleasant to think how much kindly feeling exists this present night in England. By imagination I can taste of every table, pledge every toast, silently join in every roar of merriment. I become a sort of universal guest."

"By this time I should think every Christmas dinner at Dreamthorp has come to an end. Even now in the great cities the theatres will be dispersing. The clown has wiped the paint off his face. Harlequin has laid aside his wand and divested himself of his glittering raiment, Pantaloon, after refreshing himself with a pint of porter, is rubbing his aching joints; and Columbine, wrapped up in a shawl, and with sleepy eyelids, has gone home in a cab. Soon, in the great theatre, the lights will be put out, and the empty stage will be left to ghosts."

"Hark! midnight from the church tower vibrates through the frosty air. I look out on the brilliant heaven, and see a milky way of powdery splendor wandering through it, and clusters and knots of stars and planets shining serenely in the blue frosty spaces; and the armed apparition of Orion, his spear pointing away into immeasurable space, gleaming overhead; and the familiar constellation of the plough dipping down into the west; and I think when I go in again that there is one Christmas the less between me and my grave."

"For years and years now I have watched the seasons come and go around Dreamthorp, and each in its turn interests me as if I saw it for the first time. But the other week it seems that I saw the grain ripen. Then by day a motley crew of reapers were in the fields, and at night a big red moon looked down upon the stacks of oats and barley. Then in mighty wains the plenteous harvest came swaying home, leaving a largesse on the roads for every bird. Then the round, yellow, comfortable-looking stacks stood around the farm-houses, hiding them to the chimneys. Then the woods reddened, the beech hedges became russet, and every puff of wind made rustle the withered leaves. Then the sunset came before the early dark, and in the east lay banks of bleak pink vapor, which are ever a prophecy of cold. Then out of a low dingy heaven came all day, thick and silent, the exquisite succession of sight and sound, have I been taken from the top of the year to the bottom of it—from midsummer, with its unreaped harvests, to the night on which I am sitting here—Christmas 1862."

ROCHE'S POINT Anglican Women Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the W. A. of Christ church, recently held in the parish hall, was splendidly attended. After all pledges were met, and \$100 paid over to the church wardens, a healthy balance was carried over towards the missionary work of the church for 1939.

The following officers were elected: hon. pres., Mrs. A. J. Fort; pres., Mrs. J. Badland; vice-pres., Mrs. E. Fenning; treasurer, Mrs. W. Brown; corr. sec., Miss M. Young; Dorcas committee, Mrs. E. Bunn, Miss E. Young, Mrs. P. Walker.

The Sunday-school Christmas treat will be held in the parish hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28. Supper will be served followed by a short program, after which the annual gifts will be distributed to the scholars.

Services in Christ church on Christmas Day will be in the form of celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and evening prayer at 7 p.m. Christmas hymns and appropriate addresses will add to the joy of the services, which will be in the charge of Rev. A. J. Fort.

QUEENSVILLE Will Hold Watch Night Ceremony

Hold Christmas Service. The Christmas service at the United church will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Rev. Hugh Shannon will have a Christmas message and the choir will render special music.

Women's Institute Meets. The Queensville branch of the Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. S. Sennett on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 2:30 p.m. Roll call: "What I keep in my medicine chest" report of district convention; piano solo, Miss Joyce Wright; current events, Mrs. Bain; Canadian industries, Miss Hazel Doane.

The report of the officers' rally will be given, also the drawing for the quilt will take place. The lunch committee is Miss Hazel Doane, Mrs. Percy Boag and Mrs. Jim Wright.

Many Attend Ball. Many from here attended the hunt club ball in Aurora high school last Friday evening. All enjoyed themselves.

White Gift Service Held. A good congregation was present at the White Gift service on Sunday, when numerous gifts were presented around the manager. A dramatization of the Christmas story was given by the young people.

Nearly 60 attended Y.P.U. last Sunday evening. The meeting was in the charge of the citizenship department. A musical worship service was given. Miss Verna Pearson gave an interesting talk on "Christmas in Other Countries." Antiphonal singing was carried out, with one group in the choir loft with Mr. Sherwood at the organ, and another group in the basement with Miss V. Arnold at the piano. A light lunch was served.

Next Sunday evening Y.P.U. will be held at the usual hour, 8 p.m. A Christmas program is being planned. All are welcome. On Saturday evening, Dec. 31, at 11 p.m., the Y.P.U. will conduct a Watch Night service. The public is invited to attend.

Everyone is asked to let The Era correspondent have a list of their Christmas visitors or visits. This correspondent also wishes each and every reader of this paper a very Merry Christmas.

Holt

The Holt scribe joins in wishing each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The school meeting of S. S. No. 8, Holt, will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. Everyone is asked to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam King attend-

ed the funeral of Mr. King's aunt, Mrs. Wilmet Cole, at Queensville, on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Gordon Morris of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ianson. Mr. Jas. Knott, Miss Maud Knott and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibney attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Frank Gambrell, King City, on Thursday last.

Mr. Lloyd Cunningham of Spring Arbor, Michigan, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Madeline Hogg and Miss Forsyth were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cupples on Sunday.

Belhaven

Another Christmas concert in the Belhaven community hall will be held on the evening of Dec. 28, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of Belhaven United Sunday-school.

The concert will be assisted by Keswick United church choir. The program consists of plays, special songs, recitations, etc.

The Women's Institute meeting last Tuesday was very pleasant, with Queensville branch well represented as guests. The sale of Christmas gifts added not only to the interest of the meeting, but also were quickly bought up for their beauty and usefulness.

Christmas carols were sung as usual at the Christmas meeting. Among the visitors in Belhaven are Misses Gwen and Caroline Thompson, of Brampton, who are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson.

The community extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Fred VanNorman and family in the loss of a dear husband and father.

He will be greatly missed by all, as he has for the past 25 years been doing township work and for many years has been township clerk.

The children are getting very excited these days, waiting for their visit from Santa Claus. They are also very busy preparing their concert leavies and usefulness.

The week is filled, every night with concerts. The Sunday-school concert is on Dec. 28.

Mr. Harry Davis is helping in a post-office in Toronto for a few days.

Mrs. George Smalley and baby Ann have been spending the past week with Mrs. Smalley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus King.

Mrs. Charles Richardson has been back helping in the store at Belhaven during the Christmas rush.

Keswick

The Sunday-school anniversary services held on Sunday at the United church were well attended. The musical part of the morning service was in the charge of the choir from the Sunday-school. Rev. Dr. E. J. Thompson of Aurora was guest preacher at the evening service, his sermon also being most appropriate for the Christmas season, leaving thoughts that were perhaps different as to the preparation for Christmas. The choir sang several special selections and the Morton family quartet contributed a very lovely number.

Announcement is made that on Christmas day at the United church, Sunday-school will commence at 9:45, and morning service at 10:30 a.m., with a candle-light and carol singing service at 7:30. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed on Jan. 1.

Rev. Mr. Fockler occupied the pulpit at Aurora United church on Sunday evening.

VIRGINIA Spent Most Of Life In Virginia

A large number from here attended the funeral on Sunday of the late Joseph Greenwood, who passed away last Friday morning at his son's residence in Stouffville.

Mr. Greenwood was in his 68th year and lived practically all his life in Virginia, moving away a few years ago. He had been in poor health for some time. He spent all last summer in this district at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Andrus and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crossberry.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife in Toronto, three daughters, Muriel (Mrs. Watson) of Pefferlaw, Maud in Toronto and Olive in Detroit, also two sons, Alvin in Stouffville and Ivison in northern Ontario.

The pallbearers were Edwin and Roy Crossberry, Bert Evans, A. Weir, Willard Arnold and Charles Lavolette. Interment was made in Brier Hill cemetery in Sutton.

The sympathy of this community is extended to all the bereaved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lyons spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bruchs in Sutton.

Best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Neill on the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Helen Evans of Toronto spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. W. T. Evans.

Mrs. Pete Malt spent one day last week with Mrs. R. O'Neill.

Misses Cordella and Viola Lavolette of Toronto spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. N. Lavolette.

Mrs. Thos. Coomer and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Coomer of Baldwin spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Murray Coomer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barge and Dennis of Toronto called on Mrs. G. Arnold on Sunday.

"Is he the sort of fellow who forgets you when you have no money?"

"No, he's an instalment collector."

SHARON Are Guests Of Lieut.-Governor

Mrs. W. D. Grose spent a few days in Toronto last week, and with her daughter, Miss Gertrude Grose, attended a luncheon on Saturday given by the lieutenant-governor of Ontario and Mrs. Albert Matthews in the lieutenant-governor's suite, Queen's Park.

The annual meeting of the W. A. of St. James' church was held on Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. W. L. Knight. An encouraging report was read. After all pledges were met, and a substantial amount given over to the church wardens towards church renovations, a small surplus was carried over towards the missionary work of the church for 1939.

The following officers were elected: hon. pres., Mrs. W. H. Wilmet; pres., Mrs. M. E. Kitley; vice-pres., Mrs. F. Hall; corr. sec., Mrs. B. P. Phillips; sec. Living Messenger, Mrs. W. L. Knight.

The Christmas treat for the Sunday-school pupils of St. James' will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hall on Friday evening. A supper will be served, after which an impromptu program will be given by the children and at the close of the evening prizes will be presented to the children by the superintendent.

A celebration of the Holy Communion, with music and short address will be held in St. James' church on Christmas Day at 8 a.m.

Brownhill

All are welcome to the school concert, which is to be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ford and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. Bones from Toronto were visiting Mrs. Ford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, over the weekend.

Mrs. J. Crouch, who has been sick in bed for some time, is very sick at the time of writing.

Mr. G. Crouch from Parry Sound is visiting his father, Mr. J. Crouch, for a few weeks.

Mrs. McCormack and son, from Toronto, were visiting at the home of Mr. E. Jones over the weekend.

Mrs. H. Rose is able to be out again and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pringle in Baldwin, on Sunday.

The Public Did Not Know Because Meetings Were Closed

(Fort Erie Times-Review)

Up in Newmarket last week the electors voted on the matter of a new addition to the high school to permit the teaching of vocational subjects. The project was defeated, and the editor of the Newmarket Era delved into the matter to see why the electors did not approve. He came to the conclusion that the chief reason was that the people did not understand fully what it was all about. He goes on to say that some members of the board of education had some months before objected to the presence of the press at its meetings, but after voting on the matter the press was permitted to stay. However, the board appears to have met at its own convenience and the press was never acquainted with meeting nights. The result was that the discussions on the new addition were never made public, and while the board had good reasons for proposing the addition, it had no way of acquainting the public with the facts that guided them in the course they took.

Which brings us back to the question of doing public business behind closed doors. Within a few weeks the 1939 town council and board of education will enter upon their labors. It might be well for these civic bodies to study the matter of press representation at their meetings. Last week more than 1,000 Fort Erie citizens selected a group of men to conduct their business. These 1,000 voters have a right to know what their appointees are doing. Unless the press is represented at their meetings the voter cannot know what is going on. Therefore, if recently-elected members of these civic bodies have not forgotten that they are

servants of the public, they will make certain that the public, represented by the press, has access to all meetings in 1939.

One night just before closing time, Ole, hatless and coatless and breathless, came rushing into the store and dropping on his knees yelled:

"Hide me! Hide me! Ye sheriff's after me."

The storekeeper said he had no place to hide him.

"You moost!" cried Ole. "You moost!"

"Well, crawl into that gunny sack then," directed the store-

keeper. He had no more than got hidden when in ran the sheriff. "Seen Ole?" demanded the officer.

"Don't see him here," declared the storekeeper without lying. The sheriff went a-nooning around and pretty soon spotted the gunny sack over in the corner.

"What's in here?" he asked. "Oh, just some old harness and sleigh-bells," declared the store-

keeper. The sheriff gave the gunny sack a terrific kick.

"Yingle, yingle, yingle!" moaned Ole.

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The reeve and clerk were asked to make arrangements for a postponed tax sale at the clerk's office on Dec. 21, and to purchase any properties that they deemed it advisable to buy in, at the regular meeting of King town-

ship council, at Kettleby, on Thursday, Dec. 15. The clerk was instructed to prepare the tax sale deed for the west part of lot 15, plan 132, King township, for William King, which he purchased in 1935, and to have the property properly assessed. A cheque for \$3,928.96, the one

mill government subsidy, was accepted. Payment was made to the amount of \$182.20, to the returning officers of the various polling sub-divisions.

The clerk was instructed to write to the department of health, informing them that the council approved Dr. George D. Lockhart as medical health officer for the township, in accordance with the conditions of the Medical Health Officers statute.

The following accounts were passed: A. Wellesley, school attendance work, \$8.40; J. D. Lucas, solicitor's legal services for year 1938, \$316.51; Maurice Hayward, constable services, \$9.30; Babcock & Marson, re P. V. Nobleton, \$35; J. P. Jefferson, telephone calls, \$2.62; Express Herald, advertisement, \$1.50; R. M. Lavery, advertisement, \$7; Weston Board of Health, tuberculosis test, 35 cents; Banner Press, advertisement, \$36.25; Canadian Institute for the Blind, \$20; J. Sutton, rent for meeting, \$5; Ed. Williams, rent for Kettleby meeting, \$5; Dr. Lockhart, professional services, \$4; Harry Woods, cartage, 65 cents; H. G. Rose, registrations, \$2; Earl Lloyd, cartage, \$8; Road voucher 36, \$654.09; relief voucher, \$110.38; W. W. Gardhouse, King township hospitalization for November, \$107.75; Chas. Walton, sheep valuator, \$2; P. Muirhead, Robert Archibald and J. A. Marshall, \$2 each, as fence-viewers.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the clerk's office, Nobleton, on Dec. 21, at 1.30 p.m.

EVERSLEY Kiddies Excel At School Concert

On Wednesday afternoon, the W. M. S. met at "Scots Wha Hae," the home of the president, Miss Alice Ferguson. Reports were read, and in this jubilee year, in spite of harder times than ever, they are glad to have reached their allocation.

In the election of officers there were few changes. In the program Miss Frances Ross read the scripture, and Miss Jessie Gellatly and Mrs. Egan gave good Christmas readings.

There was much business discussion, but over the tea cups there was much social harmony. On Wednesday night the U.F.O. held their banquet in McDonald and Wells Hall. There was a fair attendance, rather fewer members present than in former years. The tables were set as farmers know how, and supper enjoyed. At the head table sat the president, Leonard Harman; secretary, W. Barker, Jr.; Mr. Haas, from Grey county, and A. B. Hodgetts, from Pickering College.

A sing-song was led by Mr. Haas, a versatile young farmer, who later gave a good talk, showing what young farmers may do, in spite of not having the higher education by using their brains and embracing every opportunity to improve their minds. Mr. Hodgetts of the Pickering College staff in a concise but vivid manner discussed international affairs. The entertainer was Mr. Petch, of Toronto, who claimed to come from Flesherston, Grey county. His first contribution was a splendid interpretation of Scrooge in Dicken's "Christmas Carol." Scrooge, the miser, devoid of the milk of human kindness, his vision and reform, his benevolence to the poor, to his clerk, Bob Cratchet, and ending with the blessing of Tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one."

Mr. Petch's last selection was from Edgar Guest's "It takes a heap of living to make a home," and the other selections were full of nonsense. It was a worth-while program and the very best is wished for the United Farmers of Ontario. On Thursday night the concert in Eversley church was given by the day school and Sunday-school. It was a delightful occasion, and a complete success. The church was filled with an appreciative audience. Rev. M. E. Burch acted as chairman. Mrs. Jas. Ball and Frances Ross were pianists, and Miss Jessie Gellatly and Miss Annie Ferguson directed affairs. Every item was choice, from the welcome by one of the tiniest, to the last playlet, "The Bride Maid," in which Marie Ball was perfect, and delighted all by her acting, as did also the others in the cast. When the doctor came home, carrying his doctor's bag, it suddenly opened and a doll baby fell out—that brought a laugh. The children sang a number of choruses. A beautiful bit of chivalry was shown by Beverley Neill, one of the small boys, who, when Violet McKel, the very little girl, found the step down too deep for her, Beverley turned, put his arms around her and lifted her down. He did this every time. Three cheers Beverley! The "Daisy Song," with the sweet girl faces looking through the centre of the daisies, was very sweet. The pantomime by eight charming angels was beautiful, with Annie Ferguson behind the scenes singing softly the hymn. Every drill was good, but the Teddy Bears were delightful, with Ross Bovair singing in a sweet voice, and June Mosley—one of the Teddies, giving directions to the other Teddies, and it was realistic to see those brown bears on all fours doing a drill. And the truth-telling



Figures become too much for me sometimes. Big round figures. Like the estimates on world armament expenditure for this year—anywhere from \$12,000,000,000 to \$17,000,000,000. They baffle me, especially around Christmas time.

I am overcome by the figure 18,000,000. That represents dollars which are missing from the listed assets of a drug firm in New York. An Italian son of the slums assumed the role of a German and became head of an \$87,000,000 corporation. Previous to turning German secretly, this business man had a term or two in the penitentiary for bribery and the like.

I am overcome by the figure 100,000. That represents dollars spent on a coming-out party for a New York debutante. I am not overcome by the idea of debutantes. They are just girls whose parents happen to have a lot of money and who can make more fuss about showing that they are old enough to get married than can girls whose parents do not happen to have a lot of money. We have our "debs" in every income level. Their "coming-out" may entail only a new Easter bonnet. It is an old game, this attracting of male by female. But it has become pretty highly organized when the annual income of a whole village is required for the evening display of one butterfly.

I am overcome by the figure 20,000. That does not represent dollars; it represents children—children, who, according to the welfare workers, require donations of charity if they are to have a merry Christmas. Of course, these are only the children of Toronto. In the cities human need is scientifically recorded and tabulated. Out in the country we just say that people are hard up.

It is a queer business system that provides \$100,000 for a coming-out party and leaves 20,000 children dependent on Christmas charity. And we need not delude ourselves into thinking that the difference between luxury and poverty is decided on a basis of ability, character or industry. What has any little girl of 18 years done to deserve the expenditure of a prince's ransom in one big spree?

There was a day in America when all worked for a living. There was opportunity for all. People were not prevented, either by excessive wealth or by excessive poverty, from the valuable discipline of earning a living. Today it is a question as to which is the more underprivileged, the child with the empty stocking, or the child with the empty round of social events.

But both of them, as well as the child with a full stocking and with a lesson to learn and a chore to do, belong to the universal brotherhood. In those words made famous by Dickens let us say, "God bless us every one!"

Ontario Conservatives have a new leader. They got so excited at the big Tory "do" that they tramped on the ladies' toes; that was rude; it was also rough. Does Colonel Drew approve of having ladies' toes trampled? If he does he probably will not make the boys behave in the legislative chamber at Queen's Park.

Here was the opportunity for Ontario Conservatives to choose a leader who would object to tramping on ladies' toes. We need a man like that to check the slang and slander of our provincial legislature. But Mr. Drew provides the occasion for tramping ladies' toes.

Mr. Drew has tramped on Mr. King's toes. He has even hampered them with butts of Brenn guns. Poor Mr. King! He has Mr. Drew and Mr. Hepburn tramping on his toes. Mr. Hepburn even has been keeping an Ontario milch cow for the other provinces. And here we thought he farmed with onions.

Mr. Drew says he doesn't like Mr. Hitler. But Mr. Hitler does not allow the tramping of ladies' toes—unless the ladies are Jewish. Mr. Drew seems to think we should make good guns in case we have an argument with Mr. Hitler or Mr. Stalin or someone.

Mr. Drew doesn't like communism; he really hates it. He is going to abolish it. He doesn't seem to think that if we could provide people with good jobs communism would be forgotten. He thinks that there are naughty boys teaching the idea just out of devilment.

But Mr. Drew has not said much about what we should do with Ontario public affairs. I machine was another act which brought laughter. Finally in came dear old Santa in scarlet and ermine, with a bag over his shoulders bowing him down with his weight.

Over the kiddies and their teacher, Miss McClure, and the others, who were untiring in their efforts, from Mr. Rolling, Sunday-school superintendent, to all his officers, are to be given great credit, for the splendid concert. Merry Christmas to all.

heard him talking over the radio, not about the importance of Ontario's future, but about the importance of making Mr. Drew leader instead of some other fellow. And he was made leader and acclaimed at a banquet where men stepped on ladies' toes.

Holland Landing

On Thursday evening, Dec. 22, the members of the Y.P.U. and Sunday-school will hold a Christmas party in the basement of the church. Supper will be served at 5.30 o'clock. After supper there will be an entertainment and Christmas tree.

Mrs. G. R. Tate entertained members and friends of the Women's Association at her home on Wednesday evening, when they exchanged gifts. The evening was spent in games and music, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. Bert Pearce arrived home on Thursday from Fort William, where he is employed as a brakeman. A full attendance of the members of the W.A. of Christ church was present at the annual meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. S. Greig, Second St. A good year was reported, with all pledges met, and a substantial financial balance carried over towards the missionary work of the church for next year.

The following officers were elected: hon. pres., Mrs. A. J. Forte; pres., Miss L. Goodwin; vice-pres., Mrs. R. Morning; sec-treas., Miss Inez Sweeney; Dorcas sec., Mrs. F. Kitching.

A celebration of the Holy Communion will be held in Christ church on Christmas day at 9 a.m. Christmas hymns will be sung by the choir, and a short address will be given by Rev. A. J. Forte.

A paid-in-advance subscription list means a better local newspaper.

HOPE Takes Dozen Men To Catch Cattle

It is hoped there will be a good attendance out to the special Christmas church service on Sunday. Church is at 3 p.m. and Sunday-school 2 p.m.

Mrs. Wm. Crouch and Bobby, of Poplar Bank, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis over the weekend.

Mrs. Wm. McClennan is ill in York county hospital. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Micks and Mrs. Nelson visited Mr. and Mrs. Elias Gibson on Sunday.

The community will be pleased to know that Mrs. Stuart Pegg has returned home from the hospital, and is improving nicely.

Mr. Dick Boyd, who has been visiting his uncle, Mr. S. Boyd, has returned to his job in Orillia.

I. N. Morton of Bogartown has been having an exciting time trying to round up a number of cattle on John Rolling's farm. However, on Friday afternoon, with the help of over a dozen men, they were successful in capturing them.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sticklewood and family have moved from this community.

A goodly number from here attended the Santa Claus parade in Newmarket on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Agnes Gibson and Miss Mildred Mitchell had tea on Sunday with Mrs. O. Sticklewood.

The Christmas concert at S.S. No. 11 school will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Bernice Mount had tea with her sister, Mrs. Norman Fry, Newmarket, on Saturday.

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business." Ephraim: "Did you know that Jonah was three days in the stomach of a whale?" Rastus: "Dat ain't much. Mah uncle was longer dan dat—in de stomach of a alligator." Ephraim: "Yo' don' say! H6w long?" Rastus: "He's dere yit!"

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BYRON STIVER, Deputy-Reeve

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS — A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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MAIN STREET NEWMARKET

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The Era tries to be not too commercial, to put community service and the things that are constructive and best first. We are happy to say that our efforts have met with ever increasing favor on the part of the people of our constituency.

We just want to say to all those people who have subscribed to The Era for a month or a year or two years and to all those who have purchased single copies how much we have appreciated their patronage and how hard we have tried to merit their approval.

Proudly we cite as evidence of an increasing measure of public favor the first strictly paid-in-advance circulation list ever advertised by an Ontario town weekly.

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Town	395	Zephyr	10	Mount Albert and R.R.'s	51
Armitage	4	Virginia	3	Miscellaneous	1
Aurora R. 2	7	Stouffville	7	Total	1,068
Aurora	160	Kettleby 1	9	Newmarket, including single copies sold	395
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Brownhill	2	Gormley	9	(Above figures include 83 copies to correspondents and local advertisers.)	
Cedar Brae	5	Queensville	36	Outside Paid Circulation	141
Halidwin	16	Queensville 1	28	TOTAL CIRCULATION	1,207
Belhaven	7	Queensville 2	23		
Newmarket 1	13	Holt	17		
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Christmas coming on Sunday, for then we all can realize the significance of that Wonderful Day, instead of treating it as just another holiday with extra special good things on the bill-of-fare.

Santa Claus has been busy for months in preparation, getting the children so excited over the air, and having a special Santa Claus strip in the comics every day. Oh yes—Christmas has been "on" the air for not "in" the air for over a month! I was greatly amused at hearing over a news broadcast that down in U.S.A. in one place they had passed a bill making it compulsory for Santa Claus to wash and sterilize his whiskers every day, to stop kissing the children and to have fresh white gloves every day, to shake hands. Did you ever?

But of all the delightful things

of Christmas, give me first of all the lovely Christmas tree! It blooms once a year and bears most delightful fruit. You will hear the usual time-worn remark "the slaughter of the innocents" about the cutting of Christmas trees, and we must admit it often is, but again we have to admit it is like every thing else—the use and abuse of things, and some day folks will wake up to the fact that the abuse must stop.

But oh! Did you ever see anything as beautiful as our modern lighted Christmas trees with their amber, emerald and ruby lights, and the blue ones as deeply sapphire as a starlit midnight sky. From the stately growing, live trees in gardens to the tiny ones all lighted up and shining so gloriously every night, those also on folks' verandahs, and more elaborately dressed ones inside people's homes; to the dear little gaily decorated ones in the shop windows down Main St. Just why anyone thinks they have to go to the big city to shop for Christmas, when we have such attractive displays here, is an open question. No doubt it is more in the spirit of adventure, mixing with the jolly Christmas crowd, seeing all the wonderful decorations, or perhaps taking the wee ones to see good St. Nicholas in person, for there seems to be some magic in the word Santa Claus.

I am writing this on Friday, Dec. 10, for next week will be one glad rush, with no time to sit down quietly at one's desk with paper and pen. I, too, like everyone else, want to be as free as possible for the decorating of home and church, for the extra goodies we all like to make for Christmas, for the Christmas calls and visits we plan—and especially a few car-rides to see all the beautiful out-of-doors lighted Christmas trees from here to Toronto. Aurora always has a beauty—and I hear Midland already has theirs glowing every evening down at the end of Main St. in the business section, and also that they have a Christmas tree on every telephone pole as well. Newmarket citizens never fail to make our town like fairyland every year and I am looking forward to a delightful time next week.

Before I end this, I wonder if it would help anyone if I made a few suggestions about keeping our Christmas trees fresh. If you are not afraid of a spill you can keep your tree much longer by having it stand in a pail of salted water. Whatever you do be sure it is securely fastened and will not tip over because it disappoints everyone so much if it is unsteady. Then another way to keep it fresh is to mix up a pan of soap-suds, a large box of

EXPLAINS ADVERTISING

John Wannamaker, founder of the John Wannamaker store, Philadelphia, was the first advertising genius in the retail advertising field. In addition to the novelty of his advertising, he kept persistently at it. He once said: "Continuous advertising, like continuous work, is most effective. If there is any enterprise in the world that a quitter should leave alone it is advertising. Advertising does not jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day, year by year, until it exerts an irresistible power. To discontinue your advertising is the same as taking down one's sign. If you want to do business you must let the public know it. I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising."

flakes to two scant cups of warm water will make a good panful of stiff foamy, frothy suds. Lay it by handfuls along the branches to resemble snow. It also helps to keep your tree fresh. If the young folk like to string pop-corn and cranberries for decoration it is an old-time custom and quite effective—likewise the striped red and white sugar canes to hang by the crook on the branches. But nobody needs to be told how to decorate a Christmas tree, I think we were all born knowing how!

And here's what I suggest for your tree after the Christmas celebration is over in-doors. Take it out, and get one of your men-folk to fasten it securely somewhere in sight of one of your windows. Put a feeding-table in it for the birds—tie pieces of suet in the branches—keep it well supplied with food all winter, and if you don't take all the pleasure in the world watching the birds appreciate your Christmas tree then you are not human! Once again Merry Christmas, everybody, from Golden Glow.

Madame de Stael, whose plain features and blunt manner caused many men discomfort, one night was dining at the home of the beautiful Madame Recamier. The astronomer, Lalande, found himself seated between these two women. Thinking he would please both, he exclaimed: "How happy I am to find myself between wit and beauty."

Not lacking in spirit was Madame de Stael, whose prompt reply was: "And without possessing either."

The Era goes only to readers who pay for it. In other words, the

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Following our usual custom at this season of the year, I beg to draw your attention to the potential danger to life and property from Christmas Decorations such as combustible draperies, scenery, cotton to represent snow, etc. Displays of this nature, and the lighting arrangements in connection therewith, add very considerably to the ordinary risks of fire.

I would also point out that should an accident involving fire occur in a crowded store or meeting, the rapid spread of flame in such flammable material is almost certain to occasion a panic with attendant risks to life. A few simple precautions may reduce the danger to a minimum, and these should be considered essential where large numbers of people, particularly children, are gathered.

See that flammable material is clear of and not hung over heating and lighting devices, steam pipes, stovepipes, electric light bulbs, etc.

See that your electric circuits are properly fused and not overloaded by the addition of temporary lights. An examination of your electrical installation by an Inspector of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario is recommended.

Examine your fire extinguishing appliances and see that they are sufficient, in good order, and readily accessible.

See that exits are plainly marked and not obstructed. Have all temporary decorations removed and safely disposed of as soon as they have served their purpose.

Remember that nothing can render these displays absolutely safe, and that if accidents are not to mar the festive season, constant vigilance and care must be exercised.

W. W. OSBORNE,
Fire Chief.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

D. H. FINES

NEWMARKET

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OPTICIAN

PHONE 364

MOUNT ALBERT Mrs. W. D. Stokes Is W. A. President

The Women's Association of the United Church held their annual election of officers for the year on Wednesday evening of last week. The following offi-

cers were elected: president, Mrs. W. D. Stokes; vice-pres., Mrs. Geo. Burnham; sec., Mrs. N. Brooks; treas., Mrs. J. Case; pianist, Mrs. B. Sinclair. The ladies have through their strenuous efforts made around \$300 through the last year. Mr. Oscar Robertson has secured a school at Blind River and leaves for there the first of

the New Year to take up his duties. Mr. and Mrs. E. Haigh left on Tuesday of this week to spend Christmas at Elgin, Man., with Mr. Haigh's mother, Mrs. Geo. Haigh. Heartiest congratulations are extended to several of the older folk, who last week celebrated their birthdays. Mr. John Har-

mon had his 81st birthday, Mr. Wm. Broad his 82nd and Mrs. Rieborough her 83th. All are young in years and enjoying life. On Wednesday night, Dec. 28, the hall board will again put on a community dance with Bill Hole's orchestra, to which everyone is invited. The annual school meeting is held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, to which all parents and rate-payers should come and express their views in the proper place. The meeting is held in the continuation school.

Special Christmas services will be held at the United church on Christmas day. Rev. R. V. Wilson is the minister, and special music will be given by the choir. Services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. Fred Harper of Saskatoon arrived in town on Monday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. R. Harper.

The play, "Too Many Bases" will be presented by Uxbridge Young People in the United church, Mount Albert, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1934, under the auspices of the choir.

Dr. W. G. Mainprize of Midale, Sask., was visiting at the home of his brother, Gordon Mainprize, for a few days last week.

Dr. W. G. Mainprize was calling on old friends in Mount Albert last week.

Notes Changes In Rural Life

Championship Address in Public Speaking Finals

BY MAE HARMAN, KING
(Winning address at annual U.F.O. convention, since broadcast over CFRB.)

Great changes are taking place in the life of the country community and unless these changes are met intelligently, the outlook of rural youth will not be a bright one. Communities may be affected in varying degrees by these different changes.

In North York, the district in which I live, we are beginning to realize that we now live in a suburban area. Wealthy stock-brokers and other city men and women are coming in and buying up the farms, which our people, many of whom are of pioneer stock, can no longer hold. Other than living in the community and paying taxes, these people have no part or interest in the problems and activities of the neighborhood. While our farm buildings remain unimproved because of the low income, they are able to build palatial residences.

According to the price spreads report, two packing companies control the greater part of Canadian meat packing and three implement firms dominate the manufacturing of farm implements. Each of the 700,000 farmers in Canada must deal individually with these powerful corporations and each is entirely at their mercy. In order to get fair bargaining power, farm people must organize to sell what they produce and to buy their farm and home needs.

How can farm people organize? Are they trained to do so? Already there has been a great experience in farm and co-operative organization in Canada. Look at our strong marketing groups such as the Milk Producers and the United Farmers Co-operative Company with its ten million dollar business annually.

As for training—the majority of our rural communities have had meetings of United Farmers clubs or of other groups of a study nature. Church groups, Junior Farmers, and Women's Institutes have all contributed to the education of rural people.

Down in Nova Scotia the farmers and fishermen have made great advances through the use of the small study group, where six or eight people gather together regularly to discuss their problems and to plan for co-operative action. The study group has already invaded Ontario and has had a marked influence on a number of centres. Two years ago we adopted the study group method in our local church Young People's Union. We soon found young men and women, who had never before that winter taken part in a discussion, actually leading groups on co-operation and community life.

There are a large number of valuable weekend schools and conferences held throughout the province. The Co-operative Conference held at Guelph is especially worthy of mention. Our United Farmers convention also has a great educational influence. In my home district, the Community Life Conference, held annually at Pickering College, provides training and encouragement for many of our local community workers. This year the Community Life Conference is being withdrawn in favor of the short course on co-operation at the Ontario Agricultural College at Christmas time. The subject of co-operation will in the future be included in the short course program sponsored by the department of agriculture.

The Rural Co-operator and other farm publications are also carrying on valuable work in rural education. But we need more conferences and we need a vital study group program. Instead of dozens of study groups, we need thousands.

We need regular conferences and short courses for the training for leadership. And when we have had education for action, we must have economic action.

In North York, during the past few years, a number of our people have given a great deal of time and effort to the development of a co-operative grocery business. Many of our people have a very great loyalty to Yorkdale Co-operative and buy all their grocery requirements there. The board of directors has striven to develop an efficient business in order to operate successfully.

Since the success of the business depends to a very great extent on women's purchasing, there is a real place for women in consumer co-operation.

Broad and tolerant attitudes in the fields of business and education may be developed through intelligent reading. Any rural community now has access to the best in books and literature—often through the travelling libraries.

In our program for rural awakening, we cannot neglect the finer arts—music, art and drama, which bring a richer culture.

What about political action? The study group has an answer for that question too. Prof. A. B. MacDonald, one of the most powerful leaders in the adult education movement in Nova Scotia, says in part—"The impact of our program on political thought is quite marked. Deep-rooted, tense, partisan feelings are breaking down. There is a searching for a new type of public man, whose integrity, ability and good intentions will inspire confidence and help to enact true democratic legislation."

At the present time, we have in the province a number of mature leaders, who are doing very fine work in the reconstruction of rural life.

But who is going to accept the responsibility for carrying on the work?

Who is going to be prepared to develop new activities?

We must stir up our young people and train them for leadership in dealing with the great problems of rural life which cannot be evaded.

"New times demand new measures and new men. The world advances and in time outgrows the laws that in our fathers' day were best. And doubtless after us some purer scheme will be shaped out by wiser men than we."

Sharon

Service at the United church on Sunday next will be held at 10 a.m. instead of 7.30 p.m. There will be no Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tate of Gogama were calling on friends in the village on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Tate are on their way to Florida for the Christmas holidays.

The Misses Kathleen McKee and Grace Palmer spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. McKee.

Miss Gertrude Grose of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Grose.

Mrs. Bertha Phillips is spending the holidays in Galt with Mrs. Buchanan.

Holland Landing

The service to be held on Sunday, Christmas day, in the United church, will be at 7 p.m.

Several years ago many U. S. national and state leaders who should have known better thought it would be possible to solve the unemployment problem by refusing to make use of labor-saving machinery. They put thousands of men back to work with hand tools, with which most of them were inefficient.

One of the advocates of old-time methods looked at a modern machine which was digging a great trench at a rapid rate.

"How many men with shovels does that machine replace?" he asked the contractor.

"One hundred," was the reply.

"Why don't you junk that machine and put one hundred men with shovels into that trench?" asked the bright, modern thinker.

"I can think of a better one than that," said the contractor, "What's the matter with ten thousand men with teaspoons?"

"Why do you spend so much time on the crease of your pants?" asked the rural father of his college son.

"It is very important, Dad, not to wear baggy trousers," he said. "Important, is it? Did you ever see a statue of a famous man who didn't wear baggy trousers?"

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What are we going to DO about rural life?

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NEWMARKET W. C. T. U.

Alcohol and Athletics
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Alcohol and Mental Efficiency
"I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in the human brain is like putting sand in the bearings of an engine."—Thomas Edison.

Alcohol and Physical Fitness
"I do not use alcohol; it has no place in the life of those who would be fit. Nor do I use it as a doctor."—Dr. Otto Peltzer, athlete and runner.

Alcohol and Social Progress
"Drinking is the greatest foe of social progress. It makes its victims content with miserable conditions and surroundings."—Philip Snowden.

Alcohol and Achievement
"Leave drink alone, absolutely. He who drinks is deliberately disqualifying himself for advancement. Personally, I refuse to take such risks. I do not drink."—William Howard Taft.

Alcohol and Health
"From the point of view of health, there never has been any question but that abstinence from alcoholic liquor proves extremely

beneficial." — Dr. W. W. Wiam J. Mayo.

Alcohol and Aviation
"Of the many impressive things I heard at the world W. C. T. U. convention in Washington, nothing impressed me more than a story told by Major MacLeod of the British Flying Corps.

"A few years ago he was summoned from Australia to investigate the cause of a series of crashes in English flying fields, which were alarming the department. The cause was not far to seek—alcohol! He related the case of one particularly successful aviator, Flight-Lieutenant B., who, because of his brilliant record for speed, endurance and altitude, was entrusted with a specially daring feat, not previously attempted at his field.

"He prepared carefully for his mission, and carried it out magnificently. The delight of comrades was boundless, and they held a 'jollification' to celebrate his achievement. Champagne flowed freely, next day, to all appearances, was steady and fit and delighted to acquiesce when requested to go up for a brief flight.

"Only a few minutes in the only a few hundred feet up, he crashed, and all those' him, to death.

"The post mortem revealed his brain and bloodstream th. of the alcohol he had consumed many hours before.

"Major MacLeod urged, w great eloquence, that all aviat. be pledged to total abstinence."

—Mrs. Harriet Ferguson, secretary of temperance for Toronto East Presbyterial.

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